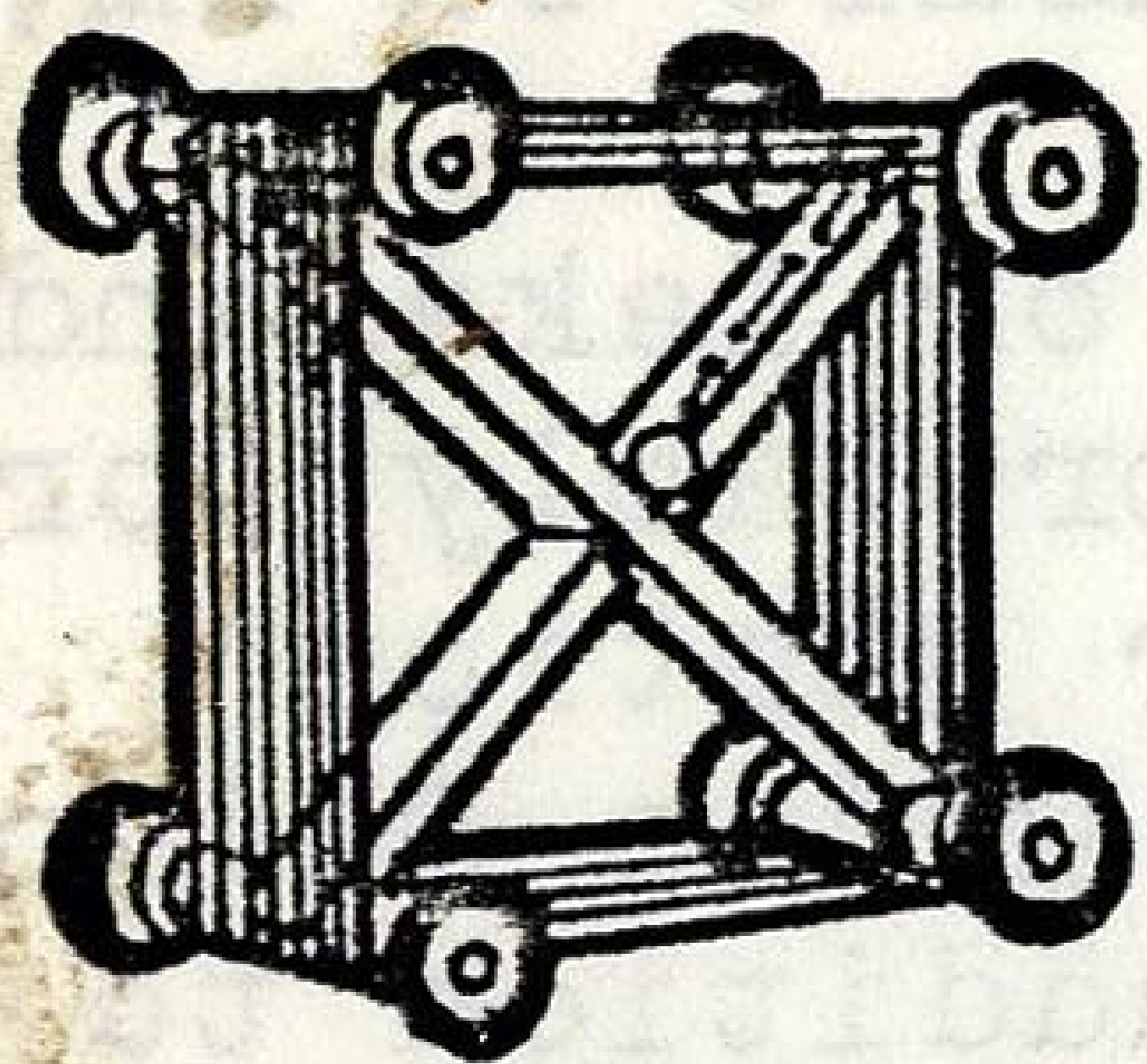


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WEEKLY REPORT No. 44 (3rd March 1985)

That's right, it's us, just a new heading for the report. And that is not all this week, instead of advertising as we go along, we have put together a single sheet of items to add to our already fairly extensive merchandise list. On with news now, NOVA. A fairly good week, this, just an odd break during the night on one occasion, and that quite brief. Modulation seemed a bit low on Wednesday, but nothing serious of course.

Colm Hayes duly returned to the airwaves on Tuesday, following his holidays, and his return coincided with a change in the Nova line-up, which now reads...6am., John Clark, 9am., Steve Gordon, 11am., Greg Gaughran, 2pm., Tony Allan, 4pm. Colm Hayes, 8pm., Henry Owens, mid-night, Noel Clancy. Colm, now used to doing the breakfast show, was heard to say 'Bob's got the news at six', when in actual fact, it was Mark(Bob does mornings) And that was about the extent of the excitement this week.

It is reported that yet another Nova man has defected to the other side, the other side meaning Q102. This time, at management level, Mike Hogan, who has held a number of managerial posts at Nova, following his move there from Sunshine some years ago.

Q102 Continuing the above, Mike Hogan has taken a management position, and joins several of his colleagues formerly at Nova, including Derek Jones, weekend presenter, Martin Block, Jason Maine, Roland Burke, Scott Williams and Chris Barry. Lawrence John, also at Nova, has recently left this station. Their current line-up looks like this....6am., Chris Barry, 10am., Jason Maine, 2pm., Scott Williams, 7pm., John Kenny, mid-night, Roland Burke. The station is often listened to here and sounds very good with lots of adverts noted.

SUNSHINE RADIO. This station were heard advertising for sales staff during the week, despite rumoured cut-backs in staff.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Erneside Community Radio from Belturbet in County Cavan, duly commenced full programmes last Monday, on 1251khz. The signal into the West coast of the U.K. was excellent and the programmes were very good, with one or two adverts appearing. The odd break in transmission was noted during the week, but now, they seem to have settled down. Adverts for the North have been noted, as expected. The address was Main St., Belturbet, Co. Cavan...Tel. 049 22123.

Radio Caroline Dublin was noted on 1449khz., on Saturday, relaying Q102, with a very over-modulated signal.

Dublin Community Radio has been noted on 846khz(or someone relaying same).

North Dublin Community Radio, no longer on 891khz., can be heard on 100.00mhz. FM, and indeed were, here last Sunday.

Brendan Gaffney reports, Dublin AM No.1, heard on 963khz. He also thinks 103.7mhz., received here recently could possibly be Radio Snowflake.

Centre Radio due on in Dublin on 1st April(not March, as I



2. inadvertently printed last week). They hope to transmit on AM, medium and short-wave, and FM.

John Cassidy reports from Sligo that Ocean 97 or Lakeland 97(it used both names) has closed down yet again, probably for the very last time. The minute it closed, the other station RNW(Sligo) immediately went back to calling itself Radio Sligo! They now have a good FM signal(when it is on), in addition to the 1413khz medium wave one.

Alan Jones reports from Cork....WKLR from Bandon are back on 100.0mhz., from 98.0mhz. Rumours of a new station still abound, but nothing materialises. Radio ERI have been promoting the ERI video during the week, however, the tape was shown at a number of TV shops on Saturday, and turned out to be no more than a 10 minute video, showing shots of the city and the ERI mast, with jingles as the backing track.

Finally in Dublin, it is not only the pirates who cause interference on the wave-band(so the politicians keep saying), as, anyone listening to the medium wave on Sunday morning(today) would see. Virtually the whole of England, certainly the Northern part, Scotland and Wales were subject to a mass of very loud whistles and other assorted noises across the medium wave band. The cause? RTE Radio 2's Dublin transmitter which went berserk(well it sounded that way here), causing interference, the likes of which I have never seen before. It eventually was righted about 12.30pm., but not before it had spoilt the listening pleasure of a great number of people. On tuning later in the day to 1278khz., the signal was strong but the modulation was extremely muffled. I don't expect to see an apology in any of the papers though.

CAROLINE. For minute by minute coverage, get Monitor 29, just out(see separate list). Two little surprises this week..... Monday night saw the return of Fiona Jeffries to the airwaves. Tuesday at 9.00am., saw the return of Jay Jackson! He really had us fooled this time, some of us even tried tuning into a foreign station(not me!), a station of the stars. Still it was good to have him back, and he was heard to say 'thanks for the offer, but no thanks'. When can we have Tom Anderson back? A colleague from Holland wrote in the week that he had heard Peter Quinn back. I think he was mistaken, but if he wasn't, can someone let us know. I think we may see one or two old favourites back, as the weather improves, maybe one who is working in Yorkshire. Fergy continues to present nightly programmes, as I vainly attempt to find his second name. It is strange that one or two of the Caroline presenters use more than one name on the air. It is understandable that they do not use their own name, but to use two, well, it is confusing.

LASER. They are back, they came back on full power on Wednesday afternoon, and back to stay this time, according to announcements. They had been going off during the daylight hours in order to effect repairs to the aerial masts. They have now obviously completed that work, and are very confident in same.

Captain Tim Levansaler has now left the ship and returned home to Maine in the USA. David Lee Stone is programme controller.

The station was off the air for a period on Thursday morning, but returned shortly after lunch.

Jessie Brandon, formerly on Laser, and now heard on Cap-



ital in London is having to make her shows over on the other side, America, due to not being granted a work permit here. Her producer, Declan Meehan, is having to make the trip across there every Friday to do the show, and return on the Sunday. It is said that this state of affairs could last for a few weeks until the work permit situation is sorted out. Declan also makes the European Top Forty for Nova, which he must now do in the week so, all in all, is a busy lad.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports from there this week, but a report from Cyprus mentioned they had been off for a spell recently, so, it is likely that they have returned to the airwaves.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. In Liverpool, Radio Merseywaves continue with a strong signal on 1242khz. However, when the microphone is open, the sound is very basey and muffled, although the music transmitted is fine. The station has been reported once again from several places in Scotland. KISS FM from Liverpool, on 102.85mhz., have not been heard this weekend, due to very bad FM conditions, but were not on, on Saturday. Storeton are due back.

In Manchester, KFM and Southside Radio are still heard, but Carousel Radio has apparently called it a day following the big fines on KFM recently.

Radio Rush from Tonbridge Wells was raided on 17th February 1985. Fines of £400 and £200 were imposed(that was quick!), and all the equipment was confiscated.

In Edinburgh, Radio Free City continues, weekdays, Monday to Thursday, between 6 and 7pm., with an all music policy. It is the only station in the city, and changed to these times, following raids, at weekends. Frequency is not known.

QSL card and stickers and a letter were received here, in the week from Zender Kristal in Holland. He had been received at the end of the band, where all the Dutch now congregate, the previous Friday but one. He says that he has been broadcasting for 10 years, and is only 23!

Ken Baird received Panther Radio last Friday around midnight, on 1612khz., from Holland. Their address was Postbus 190, Delfzyl. He also received Radio Moonlight on 1619khz.

For anyone interested in American Radio, I am told by Bradley Allen, that there is an excellent 47 page magazine, known as Radio Philes available. For further information about this, contact Steven Paradies at 18 Cornwall Avenue, Millville, N.J., 08332, U.S.A.

Back in the U.K. and the West Midlands, UK Radio is currently operating on 103.5mhz.FM, most Sunday afternoons between the hours of 2 and 5pm. Some weeks, this is extended to 9pm. The short wave service of UK Radio is temporarily shelved due to others in the network dropping out.

County Radio are on most Sunday evenings on 94.4 and 104.8 mhz.FM.

Sounds Alternative are on air every first Sunday of the month on 1179khz., but seem to suffer from poor modulation.

Wrekin City Radio are on 94.2mhz FM from Telford 12 - 4pm Sundays. Subway Sound on 102.5mhz.,FM, is new and appears on Sundays from 11 - 2pm. Finally EST plan to return on 103mhz FM shortly. The latter from Birmingham, the former from Walsall.

Our thanks to Paul Johnson for the above info.



4. SHORT-WAVE NEWS. We finally received a QSL card from Rose of station CHML, in the week. Delays were no doubt due to the P.O. Box used. Radio Na nGael hope to be back on SW soon, with all Irish music as before (the medium wave outlet now plays some popular music due to a shortage of D.J.'s to play Irish, and to suit the advertisers), the frequency is not yet known. Ken Baird an expert in picking up harmonics, managed Radio Luimni on 2250 (1125khz) and Cavan Comm. Radio on 1638(819) in the week around midnight. Spectrum World Broadcasting will be undertaking a number of special broadcasts during March and April, possibly on a daily basis. The frequencies to look for are 3905-3945khz., alternating with 7350-7370khz. All transmissions will be on lower side band, between 0100 and 0700UTC. All reports will be verified. Sad news now (at least for the operator, but not for some dxers), The Flying Dutchman Radio was raided by Dutch police and PTT officials on Sunday 17th February, they took his transmitter and other bits and pieces. This is the second time he has been raided and he thinks that if he continues, he may well face imprisonment, and as he has a wife and daughter of nine months, it is not worth the risk. He would like to thank everyone who wrote in with reports, and he wishes other SW operators well in the future. I think given time, he would have got his modulation sorted out, but, I also think that this problem was possibly one of the reasons he was raided. We should like to wish him well in the future also. He always replied to reports, and sent stickers, which is more than can be said for some stations. Having said that however, I find that more stations are replying these days, only the odd ones (always the same few) fail to acknowledge peoples letters and reports. (see Radiotelex regularly).

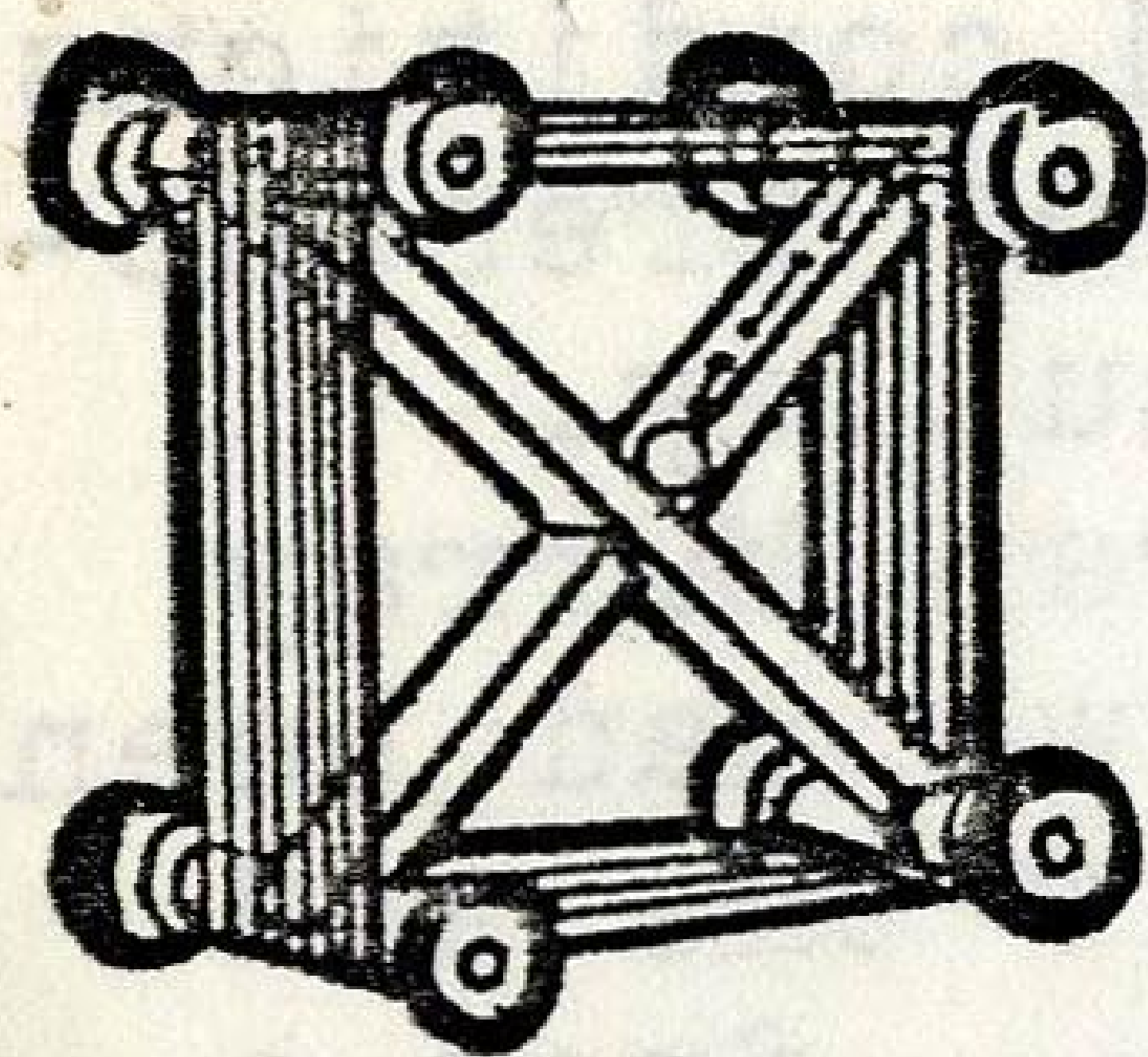
On now to last week's log, and Podney's amendments. He tells us he had a good day....he got just two more than us, 7290khz., UNID with music only at 1005gmt., 7375khz., Crystal Radio at 1112.

I hope he had a good day today, because it was a disaster here and in other parts of England, but a little better in Scotland. It was probably the day of the long skip, as we heard nothing at all from Ireland, and only just managed Europe.....

6206khz...Radio C.L.C.G.(via Delmare) at 1137gmt.  
6230khz...Radio East Coast Commercial(Scotland only) at 1026gmt.  
6240khz...Spectrum World Broadcasting( " " ) at 0939gmt.  
6265khz...Radio Krypton(Scotland only) at 1115gmt.  
6296khz...UNID(Cannock only) at 1130gmt.  
6535khz...Papa Charlie 900??? QSO and music(Ken only).  
7105khz...Radio Time at 0920gmt.  
7140khz...Radio Spoleto Int., at 0817gmt.  
7295khz...Radio Victoria(via Milano Int.) at 0919gmt.  
7315khz...K.B.C., at 0959gmt., signing off.  
7315khz...Future World Radio, at 1005gmt.  
7365khz...Radio Titanic Int., at 1017gmt.  
7400khz...UNID(Cannock only) at 0930gmt.

and that was it! Go on Podney, surprise us all.....  
Logs this week, from ourselves, Ken Baird(Ayr), Ian Biggar (Kilbirnie), Dave Small(Cannock) and Paul Graham in Leicester. Many thanks too, to other correspondents who write in, in the week, with SW reports. Whilst we may not appear to use them they are invaluable to us, and please continue to send them.





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WEEKLY REPORT No. 45 (10th March '85)

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Just two weeks to go to the CM Convention in London, so, if you have not applied for tickets yet, do so at once. It looks like being a great success as usual, full of surprises. There will be no Weekly Report that week, but the following week will be a twin issue, Nos. 47/48, with a full report on the Convention for the benefit of those who were unable to attend. On to news now.....

NOVA. Another good week, with no breaks in transmission. The better ground-wave conditions (longer days) mean that the station can be heard over a wider area for a longer period of time on AM. Whilst on FM, the conditions here have been excellent for the best part of the week, peaking yesterday, when the big Dublin stations could be listened to, in FM stereo, even on small radios and in the car too. In fact, driving along Blackpool promenade last evening, one would have thought you were driving through Dublin.

On the presenter side of things, one or two changes this week. Tony Allan is no longer doing programmes, just production work. His 'Stick it in yer ear' failed to appear last week on FM, and the normal AM programme was heard. Tony's regular weekday slot from 2 till 4, was taken over on Monday, and each day since, by a new name, Tony McKenzie, English, and sounding very familiar. More details next week of this excellent presenter. 'Sixty Second Theatre', a regular daily feature, has been heard most days, with Bob Gallico and, quite often, Tony Allan.

Wednesday saw a change in the news presentation, with the emphasis on the word 'International', and featuring Irish, British and World news. This move is a great improvement, and could possibly have been prompted by various letters etc., in the local press saying that Nova is more English than Irish. This move, together with the split FM programmes for Dublin daily, should at least silence the critics for a while. With the correct balance of everything, the station should have no problems being not only No. 1 in Ireland, but in the North of the U.K. also. In my opinion, the station has never sounded better. It is amazing what a little competition can do.

Finally, coming shortly on Nova, another Luxembourg voice, none other than Tony Prince, former co-presenter with Nova boss, Chris Cary. Also, another great competition worth thousands of pounds to lucky listeners who stand to win an Opel car for simply writing a caption on a picture. Stay tuned to the station for details of this one.

SUNSHINE RADIO. Main item of news here, is the split AM/FM service on Sunday mornings. Normal programmes can be heard on AM, whilst on FM, classical, Irish, jazz etc.

Despite reduced news bulletins here, the following news-readers were noted in the week... Stephen Fogerty, Bob Power, Gary Miley and Padraig McGarry. Promos for Bill McGloughlan's Country Show on Sunday evening, aired during the week, had several famous country singers recommending 'tune to.....'.



2. Q102. Not a lot to report at this station this week, normal programmes being heard throughout. Again, the good FM conditions made listening very enjoyable on this mode. Two weekend presenters noted yesterday, were Aidan Lennard and Gareth Sculley.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS. Our thanks to good friend Kieran Murray of Carousel Navan for the next item. It appears that we had been spelling Breffni Radio incorrectly, putting an 'ey' at the end instead of just 'i'. The station broadcasts on 1170kHz., from a hay shed(that's correct!), belonging to a farmer in Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan. His transmitter is located in a barn in a field. Hens and chickens have been noted outside the studio. Plenty of adverts are heard, due to the relatively low prices charged, and it is understood that the bigger station, Cavan Community Radio are a little concerned. This, plus the fact that Erneside Radio from Belturbet, are not a million miles away, could mean some loss of revenue to CCR.

ABC Radio in Waterford, celebrating three years on the air (with a party, I believe), have had a few problems with another station jamming them on FM. To overcome this problem, they moved frequency slightly.

Meanwhile in Galway, Don Stevens, Steve Marshall and Keith York(who features on the front cover of pirate radio super-mag, FRM) appear to have all left Atlantic Sound, which broadcasts on 1026kHz.,AM and 95.4mhz.,FM. A second station is possibly on the air, on FM only, with continuous music yet....KLR or WLR, further reports on this one are awaited.

A very strong carrier has been noted for the past two days, on 1602kHz., coming from the direction of South Dublin/Wicklow. Apart from the odd break Sunday morning, it has been noted at all times. No further details of this one have been forthcoming as yet.

Radio Carousel's four outlets(1125,1071,1386 and 1404kHz) were noted all with similar signal strength on the odd day last week, during Hugh Hardy's Country Call programme. This was most unusual, as 1125 is normally far stronger than say 1071kHz.

Finally for all free radio programme fans, the longer days have meant that more people can now listen to the excellent F.R. programme put out on Radio Annabel(1323kHz) by Gerrard Roe at 1700gmt., Sunday. We really must campaign for this show to be aired earlier next Winter, so we can all hear it.

CAROLINE. Not a lot to report here either this week, normal transmissions noted. Two presenters appear to have gone off today, Dave Richards, after a lengthy spell(although he was heard on a top of the hour announcement...possibly taped), and Bob Matthews. Nick Richards did two shows today and Peter Phillips one also. Reports that Peter Quinn had returned proved to be false. His voice however, was heard on a new advert for Priority Air Freight. He continues relief work at Southern Sound.

It would appear that Monique had a gay programme aired from 1700-1800gmt., one night in the week, reports Ian Biggar. It could possibly be a weekly feature. No I.D.'s were noted, so it was obviously taped, but a Dutch and a Belgian phone number were given out during the show.

LASER. Rick Harris, in a breakfast programme in the week, was heard to say that Laser now had a tower antennae(Anyone been out there this week? We await confirmation)

The station's signal was considerably improved on Thursday



and Friday, but on Saturday was noted to have returned to its original condition(very slightly off channel, causing a little warbling after dark). Maybe they had been using the other transmitter on Thursday and Friday. Anyone going out there might give them a copy of this report, it may indeed help them on this matter. Charlie Wolfe and David Lee Stone re-appeared in the week, and Chris Carson and Tommy Rivers went off. The line-up then became...5am., Rick Harris, 9am., Erin Kelly(New spelling of Erin, thanks to Ian Anderson), 1pm., David Lee Stone, 5pm., Liz West, 9pm., Charlie Wolfe. The weekend just gone was slightly different as Liz West was missing from the line-up, possibly unwell.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. No reports this week, but main reporter out there, Chris Taylor, rumoured to be back in Liverpool.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Manchester first this week, Carousel have returned, nightly and weekends only, on 94.2mhz.FM(ann. 94.3) KFM on 1017khz., and South Side(two words according to Manchester Evening News), on 103.1mhz.FM., have both been noted.

Liverpool, Radio Merseywaves on 1242khz., both Saturday and Sunday with excellent signal and modulation, although today, a second station heard under RMW, relaying Nova, possibly from Ireland. RMW's microphone problems seem to have been sorted out. KISS FM on 102.85mhz.FM heard Sunday afternoon.

Todmorden, Calderdale Sound's court case is to be heard at Todmorden Town Hall on Thursday 28th March at 10.00am. Genuine supporters are urged to attend this classic case, which will be covered extremely well by the press and radio and TV. The op. has been promised a meeting with Leon Britain after the case is over, to discuss this unique case of Community Radio for the town.

Chorley, Krystal Radio has closed down due to its vulnerable position, according to its owner.

A further station is reported on the air in Manchester, ABC Radio, on 103.7mhz FM. It could be a follow up to Radio Rag, and is broadcasting mainly to the students quarters and surrounding area on Friday evenings 7 till 10 and Sunday afternoons 3 till 6.

Wrekin City Radio's next broadcast will be its final one, after three years on the air. It looks like being on 31st March. They intend to apply for a community radio licence.

Rumours abound of a Radio Jackie Commemorative Album, soon to be available. More details when we get them on this one. We shall stock them, if the project goes ahead.

Nottingham, Sherwood Forest Radio, recently started, on 102.9 mhz.FM, with an address of 880a Woodborough Road, Notts, Andy Dickinson reports here.

Herts., Paul Prideaux reports a community station here, Radio Neptune on 1575khz., on 3rd March, with an address of 20a Norfolk Road, Buntingford, Herts. Presenters heard were Dave Rogers and Paul Aiden.

Shrewsbury, Shropshire Sound now broadcast on Sunday afternoons, from 2 till 6(no longer 7 days a week), on 96.8mhz. Since the DTI closed P.O. Box 63, Telford, they now use P.O. Box 5, Huntstanton, Norfolk.

Finally, yet more reading material available, FRM. the Dutch magazine, issue No. 3(March) now out. Superb pictures of the off-shore stations, presenters, plus Irish stations and reports. Well worth £1.60 just for the two colour pictures on the cover. Mostly Dutch but several pages of English also. In stock now at AUK.



4. SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Many thanks once again for all the logs of short wave stations sent in to us this week. They were all very short, due to the long skip conditions prevailing last Sunday, in fact they varied from 'not heard anything at all', 'not heard any English stations' to a maximum of just over half a dozen logged. Our expert in Cornwall, Podney, possibly at an advantage with the long skip, managed about a dozen. He received Hotel Amigo on 7318, between 0856 and 0921gmt. He was not able to receive Spectrum World Broadcasting, however. He received all the others in our list in WR 44.

Similar conditions prevailed this morning also, although, thankfully, not quite as bad as last week. In order to give people an idea of how the signals were behaving, after each log, we have put the initials of the person who received it. Ourselves(AUK) in Blackpool, Gary Hogg(GH) in Leeds, Ken Baird(KB) in Ayr, Ian Biggar(IB) in Kilbirnie, Dave Small(DS) in Cannock and Paul Graham (PG) in Leicester.

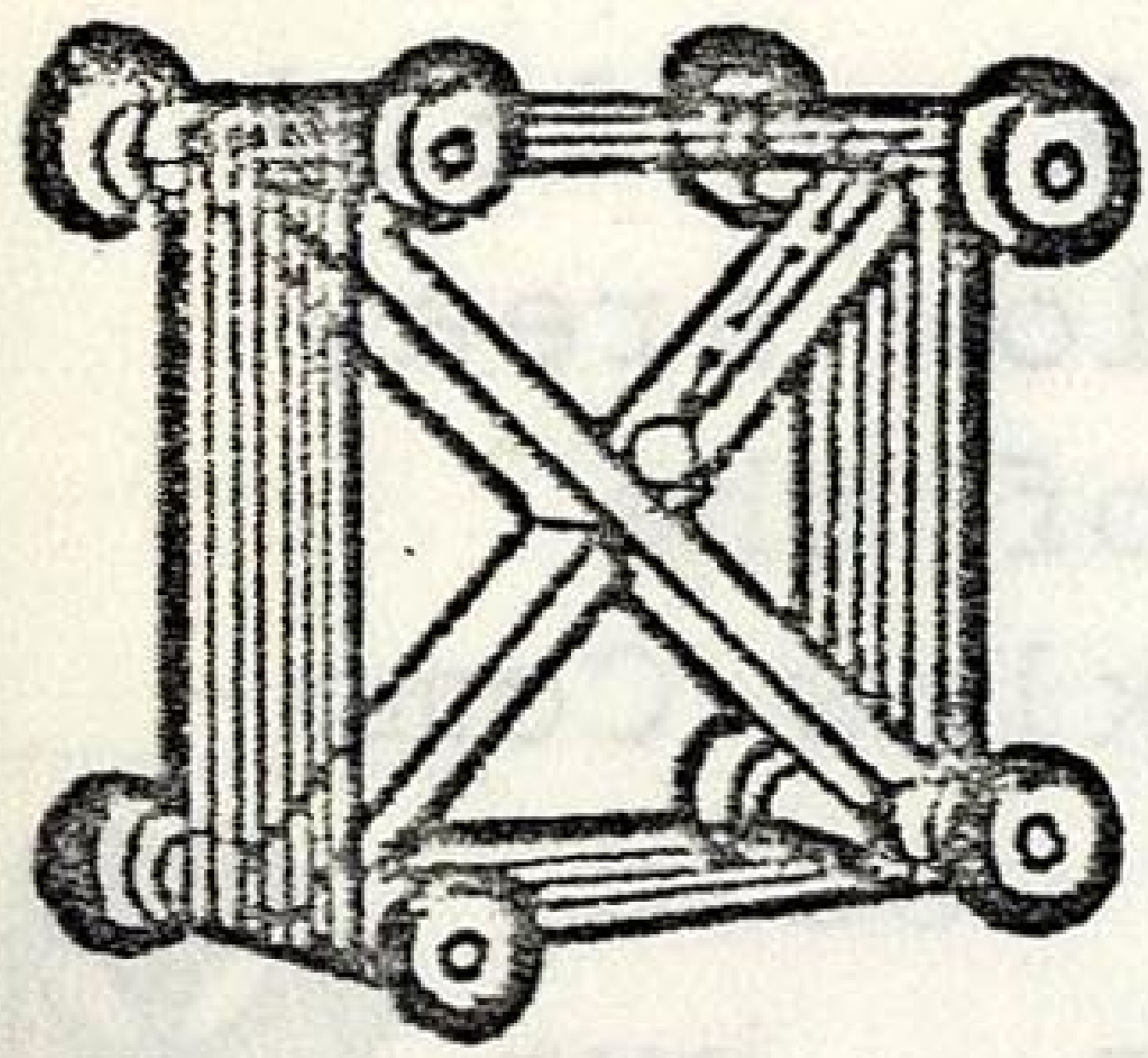
6202khz...1013gmt., UNID(KB)(IB).  
6202khz...1204gmt., Rebel Radio(KB)(IB).  
6207khz...Various times, Radio Rastafari, Radio C.L.C.G., Radio Delmare(everyone received these).  
6228khz...0911gmt., Station Hotel Amigo(AUK)(IB), calling CQ48.  
6230khz...1156gmt...UNID(KB).  
6240khz...Radio K.B.S.J.(IB), at 1030gmt.  
6240khz...Spectrum World Broadcasting(AUK)(KB)(IB), at 1112gmt.  
6264khz...Radio Krypton, at 1113gmt.(AUK)(GH)(KB)(IB).  
6268khz...UNID(Capital?)at 1110gmt.(GH)(PG)(DS).  
6278khz...Radio R.I.D. iculous, at 1017gmt(everyone got this one).  
6280khz...Westside Radio Int., at 1115gmt.(GH)(PG).  
6305khz...Starboard Sound, at 1137gmt.(KB)(IB).  
6545khz...Radio Bluebird, at 1155gmt.(KB).  
6850khz...UNID(Falcon)?, at 1125gmt.(KB).  
7105khz...Radio Time, at 0903gmt.(Everyone).  
7140khz...Radio Spoleto Int., at 0904gmt.(Everyone).  
7295khz...Radio Victoria(via Radio Milano), at 0907gmt.(Everyone).  
7315khz...UNID, at 1000gmt.(GH).  
7350khz...ABC Radio, at 1122gmt.(KB)(IB).  
7445khz...Radio 101, at 0950gmt.(GH)(PG).  
7450khz...UNID, at 0924gmt.(AUK)(DS).  
7480khz...UNID, at 0938gmt., playing Rod Stewart's 'Some Guys..(KB).

No one received Radio Dublin today at all. In fact, conditions have been so poor, that Radio Nederland have received letters asking if 'Media Network' programme had been broadcast, as people in some areas could not hear it(and they use a 500kw transmitter!). If these conditions keep up, Prince Terry is going to have to consider doing his programme in a foreign language! I hope the Europeans are appreciating his programmes.

QSL card and letter was received in the week from Radio R.I.D. iculous. It confirmed the address we gave out in a previous issue.

Finally, Electron Electronics can supply transmitters, FM, AM, medium wave and short wave, power supplies, crystals and antennae. For further details contact them at....P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 5AU.





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WEEKLY REPORT No. 46 (17th March '85)

Special greetings go out to all our Irish readers on this, St. Patrick's Day. Many thanks for all the cards also.

There will be no report next week, we shall all be in London for the CM Convention on Saturday, and the luckier ones may even go out on a boat trip to see Caroline and Laser on the Sunday. The following week, you will receive a double issue(47/48), with two weeks news and a special Convention Report.

NOVA. Yet another trouble free week here. Normal programmes and transmissions to report. Tuesday saw the start of plugs for the famous Tony Prince, as mentioned in last week's issue. He was to do the 5pm till 7pm slot on Nova on Friday, then make a guest appearance in the Nova Park Club. 5pm Friday turned up, but no Tony Prince, but I am told he appeared at 7.00pm., for an hour. Apparently he had been delayed, no doubt the dreadful weather must have played some part in the delay. I am told he featured some of his famous mix-master recordings. These mega-mixes are quite popular on the station and are receiving quite a lot of air-play. I am also told that Radio Luxembourg received one or two mentions during his brief programme.

I promised details about Tony McKenzie in last week's issue. I said his voice should sound familiar to one or two people particularly those of us who can receive Nova and Caroline, and it was not long before I received one or two calls to tell me who it really was. Tony James of Radio Caroline!

The Opel car give-away has not commenced as yet, although odd bits of the promo have been used as 'drop-ins'. 'What is Bob Gallico saying' etc., have been used. The commencement of the competition must be imminent.

New adverts have been noted in the week, in particular, one quite big one for a firm in Wales.

Normally here, we would give you the station line-up, but, today, for a change, the news-reader line-up.....  
Monday and Tuesday... 7am till 1pm., Bob Gallico, 1pm till 7pm., Mark Weller, 7pm till 1am., Bernie Jamieson.

Wednesday... as above, but Dave Johnson in place of Bernie Jamieson.

Thursday... as Monday.

Friday... as Wednesday.

Saturday... 7am till 3pm...Dave Johnson, 4pm till mid..Bernie.

Sunday... 7am till 3pm., Bernie, 4pm till midnight, Dave.

There have been slight changes in the presentation of the Nova news, as mentioned previously, splitting it into British, Irish and World News. Also some slight changes in the intro and outros to same.



2. OTHER IRISH STATIONS. The blank carrier noted last week on 1602 khz., which we thought was possibly coming from the Wicklow area, continued at the start of the week, but by the middle of the week was modulated with the unmistakeable sound of Wicklow Community Radio of 1 Wentworth Place, Wicklow. The station could, and still can, be heard on their old channel of 1512khz., but the move to 1602khz. must be permanent, as they are now only announcing this new frequency. 1512khz. has never been a winner, due to the Belgians on the channel. In the Winter, you could often hear Belgium not far out of Wicklow. The change has been on the cards for ages. On a visit to the station two years ago, we were shown the new transmitter and told of the frequency then. I am sure there has been good reasons for not going ahead before now. Sunshine Radio at one time, planned to use this channel in addition to 531khz., to try and avoid the jamming from RTE at the time, but as this stopped shortly afterwards, the idea was also dropped.

Correspondent in Ennis, Co. Clare, Paul Kelly, tells us that this town is now supporting two stations, Radio Clare on 96.6mhz., and West Coast Radio on 100.0mhz. The latter only since January. In nearby Spiddle, a Radio Atlantic has been noted on 202m(!), with an address of 14 Fassaugh Road, Spiddle. This station has plans to move into Galway.

Talking about Galway, our ex-offshore friends there., Don (Squire) Stevens, Keith(FRM) York and Steve(hoo-har) Marshall, have all apparently left Atlantic Sound and together with all the other staff, have moved 'across the road' and set up W.L.S. Music Radio from Kiltartan House, Forster Street, Galway. Tel.. No. 091 64226. They broadcast on 104mhz.FM in stereo, and on 846khz., AM. (test transmissions only) 24 hours a day, with news on the hour from 7.00am till mid-night. (Monday to Friday inc.). We understand the studio is quite impressive with Gates turntables and Spotmaster Cartidge machines. Further news will, no doubt, be forthcoming from this quarter regularly.

Dublin Community Radio seem to have settled on 846khz., although the power is extremely low, as we can only just hear it here, but at least they are on the air on a regular basis.

Boyneside Radio were off for a good spell on Friday, on 1305khz. This is most unusual, but at least we can have a tune to Radio ERI from Cork.

Ian Biggar reports Boyneside Radio Dundalk (on 1260khz.), with separate programmes in the week just gone. 9am till 12.00 Owen Barry, 12.00 till 2pm., Shane Mullen (ex Carousel and Telstar), 2pm till 4.30pm., Heady Eddie (from Drogheda), 4.30pm till 6pm., Owen Barry and from 6pm onwards, relaying the Drogheda service.

Radio Annabel has been missing rather a lot recently. Today, it was missing all day. The Gerrard Roe FRCI programme failed to go out either, which was disappointing for free radio fans.



Finally in Ireland, some free advertising for two of the 3. better known stations, Sunshine and Nova. Jeff Postlewaite from Preston's Lancs. Evening Post took a trip across the Irish Sea to visit the two stations. A full report ensued in the Friday 15th March edition. Complete with photos of station owners and some staff, stickers and a map of the coverage area of Nova, the report made very interesting reading.

**RADIO CAROLINE.** Very little to report here this week, with some presenters still doing two shows. The D.J.'s on board are exactly the same who were on last Sunday. Last Monday's East Anglian Daily Times carries a report of a police boat intercepting a vessel on a trip to Radio Caroline. Police and customs officers boarded the vessel on its return from the visit. Crew and passengers were all questioned, and names taken. A report is to be sent to the DPP. Despite this, Free Radio Association official, Mr Albert Hood, said he would continue to run trips out to see Caroline and Laser, for his members.

**LASER** Even less news here, normal service for most of the time, but there was a short break in transmission on Wednesday afternoon for essential maintenance. The signal seems to be as strong now, as it was at its best last year, before the storms damaged the masts. The station do seem to be using each transmitter (they have two 25kw CSI ones), in turn. One is very slightly off channel and can be detected when on air.

**VOP.** Absolutely no news from this quarter, so, Dave Asher and Paul Rogers, if you are reading this, get your pens and paper out!

**LAND-BASED STATIONS.** Very bad news from this quarter (again), with raids in Manchester this time. Southside Radio was taken off the air at 4.10pm on Friday last, by members of the DTI and police. All the studio equipment was taken including a UHF link transmitter, but the DTI failed to get the main FM transmitter, as the operators were quick off the mark, on hearing of the raid, and the transmitter had 'disappeared' by the time they went for it. Carousel Radio was also silenced about the same time, and it was not known at the time if they were raided also. It now transpires that they were, shortly after South Side. Not content with that, they then proceeded to raid KFM, and this was done on Saturday morning. I think that KFM, knowing of the two Friday raids should have left the air, until things quietened down a little. Now they have all gone in Manchester. At this stage, it looks bleak, land-based ops! with Jackie gone, Sunshine gone, and now these three.

**LIVERPOOL.** Although Radio Merseywaves appeared on 1242kHz., on Saturday, and KISS FM on 102.85mhz., on Sunday with very low power, that is the total of the Liverpool scene this week. Dave Small reports that he has not picked up any station from the West Midlands area by lunch-time Sunday.



**SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.** Thanks once again for all the logs, and a special welcome to a new member of the 'log' team, Glenn Hocking of Redruth in Cornwall, home of more than one expert dx-er.

The long skip conditions continue again today and we are once again extra dependent on the logs from further afield. But first of all, going back two weeks now, to our log of 3rd March, Glenn tells us that on 6290khz., Radio Woodpecker were logged at 1025gmt. This log was also confirmed by a Scandinavian reporter in the week, although he thought they said Radio Woodcock. He also logged Radio Station Hotel Amigo on 7320khz., at 0904gmt., and 7365khz., at 1018gmt., calling CQ on the latter frequency.

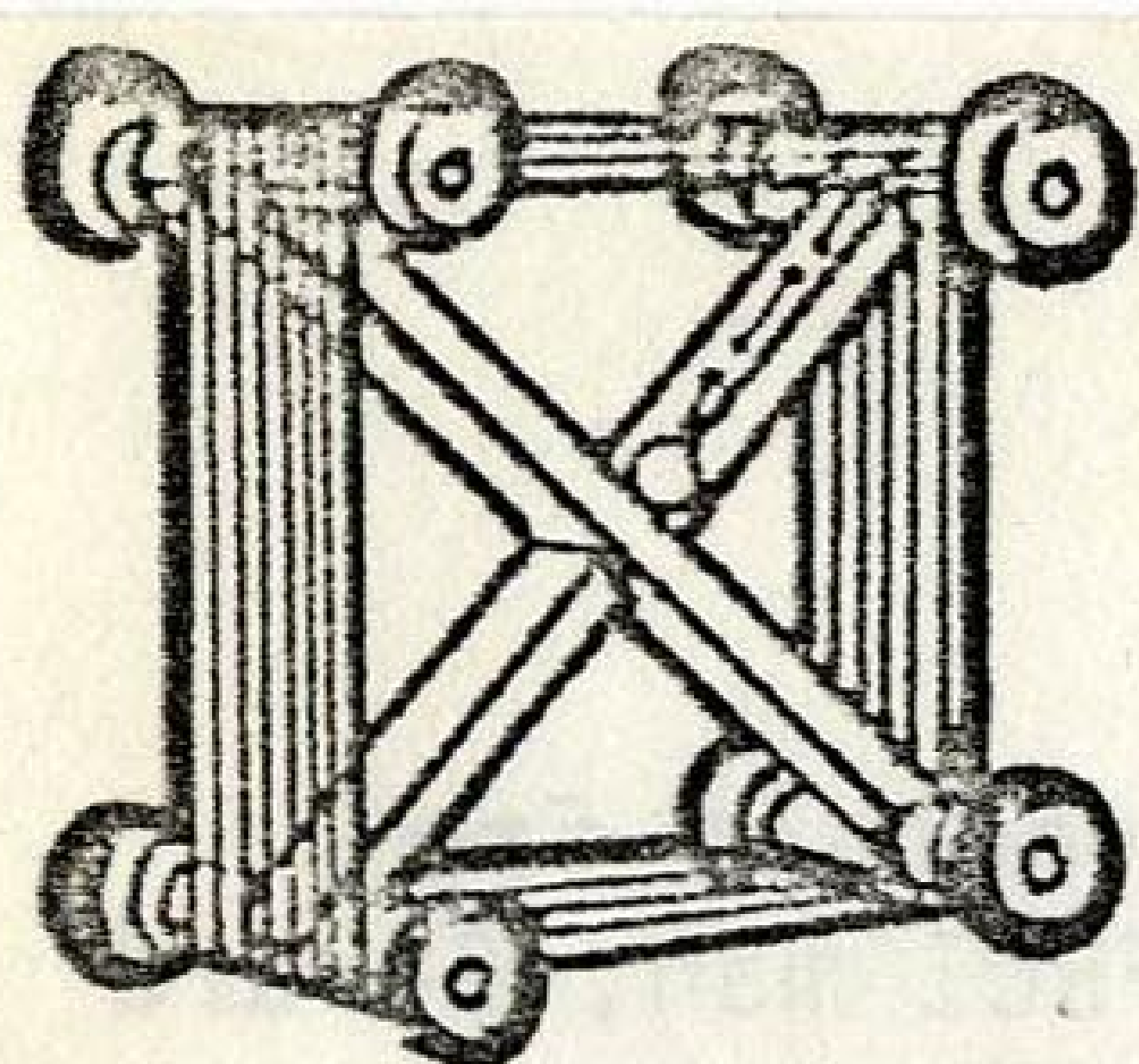
Going on to last week now, Podney logged Radio Valleri at 1249gmt., on 6206.6khz. Both Podney and Glenn logged Capital Radio Int., on 6268khz. Glenn logged Falcon Radio on 6850khz. The 7480khz., transmission turned out to be Radio Nova Musica from Italy, so it looks like this station have settled on this frequency.

**SHORT-WAVE LOGS...Sunday 17th March 1985.**

6200khz...Falcon Radio, at 1116gmt.(AUK, IB, KB, GH).  
6206khz...FRS HOLLAND, at 0945gmt.(Everyone).  
6239khz...ATLANTA RADIO, at 1003gmt.(Everyone).  
6240khz...UNID, playing American tape at 0955gmt.(DS, GH).  
6250khz...UNID, at 1040gmt., Dutch voice in English/records(2). (DS)  
6264khz...RADIO KRYPTON, with its final programme, at 1121gmt.(All, except PG logged this).  
6276khz...KOL-EUROPE, at 1102gmt.(IB, KB, DS, GH).  
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 1215gmt.(All, except AUK).  
6543khz...UNID., at 1037gmt.(GH).  
6570khz...UNID., at 1019gmt.(GH).  
6933khz...UNID., at 1122gmt., announcing the 'Voice of Loving Awareness', Radio -----International, Postbus 2062, 2800BE, Goude, Holland.(DS).  
7105khz...RADIO TIME, at 0827gmt.,(AUK, IB, DS, GH.).  
7140khz...RADIO SPOLETO INT., at 0829gmt.(AUK, IB, KB.).  
7295khz...RADIO VICTORIA(via Radio Milano Int.), at 0822gmt.(All).  
7317khz...UNID., at 0910gmt.(AUK, GH.).  
7320khz...UNID., at 0945gmt.(All, except AUK).  
7325khz...UNID.(Radio Pamela?), at 0953gmt.(IB).  
7330khz...RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000 INT., at 1037gmt.(all, ex. KB).  
7339khz...RADIO WAVES INT.(relaying Radio Pacific Int.)at 1045gmt.(IB, KB, DS, GH.).  
7350khz...ABC RADIO, at 1051gmt.(IB).  
7375khz...CRYSTAL RADIO, at 1030gmt.(DS).  
7388khz...UNID., at 1100gmt.(Italian?).(GH).  
7480khz...UNID., at 0925gmt.(Radio Nova Musica?).(DS,GH.).

Finally Ken Baird with his famous long wire aerials has managed to receive several harmonics of Irish pirates. The latest batch include 2340khz.(Breffni Radio 1170khz.), and possibly Suirside Radio from Waterford on 2664khz.





An action packed fourteen days gone, with lots to report, so without any ado at all, straight on to the news.

#### **NOVA.**

The next paragraph is written simply because it will be after 1st April when this report is read. No one at all, except myself, will be able to read it until after mid-day tomorrow, so no-one will be able to call me a kill-joy, or blame me for spilling the beans. What am I on about, I hear you ask? The elaborate adverts heard on Radio Nova over the past seven to ten days, advertising first ever outside the USA of AM stereo! No special equipment needed to receive the broadcasts, we are informed. I know it has got to come sometime, and it will, but I do believe 1st April will come first. I have been reliably informed that the only equipment we will need to receive same, will be a large conical hat, with a letter 'D' on it. And, no doubt, the best place will be in the corner. I am quite confident that I shall not be left with 'egg on face' next week, at least, I hope not.

Real news now, a slight change in line-up was made on Wednesday 20th March, when Steve Gordon's show was reduced to just one hour, but featuring mainly oldies. The other hour was added to Tony McKenzie's show. Tony, formerly Tony James of Caroline, has really settled in well at Nova, and sounds on air, as if he has been on the station for years.

The amended line-up is now :- 6am., John Clark, 9am., Steve Gordon with oldies, 10am., Greg Gaughran, 1pm., Tony McKenzie, 4pm., Colm Hayes, 8pm., Henry Owens, mid-night, Noel Clancy.

The big competition is very imminent, I am told, 'What did Bob Gallico Say?' You have to send for a caption card and fill in what ever you think Bob said to John Clarke. I understand that caption cards may be printed in the local papers. We may even print one in our WR, in order to give people out of the area a chance to enter, if they wish. The winners could find themselves with a new car.

The two Fridays have been bogey days as far as the transmissions of medium wave have gone, with the transmitter cutting off for very short periods from time to time. I am sure, that had I questioned Paul Cotter, chief engineer, last Friday, he would have told me that they were working on the transmitter, in readiness for the stereo transmissions.

Steve Gordon failed to appear for his show on Friday 22nd, due to a bad cold, and his place was taken by John Clark. Hugh O'Brien has not appeared at all over the fortnight, due to holidays.

A new Welsh advert was noted, and mentioned in the last issue of WR. Tex Thomas of Anglesey has sent me a cutting from a local newspaper which describes the Majestic link with Ireland. Due to using smaller type this week, I am able to reproduce this....

## **Majestic Link With Ireland**

Radio Nova the Dublin based independent radio station have completed negotiations with The Majestic Entertainment Centre and are set to launch a combined

promotional package.

With Nova's eyes firmly fixed towards Europe, North Wales would seem a natural vantage point - hence the link with The Majestic.

Mr. Ken Thompson, a spokesman for Nova, stated, "We are aiming to provide the expertise

and staff necessary to produce top disco entertainment for all ages. We realise that we will be adopting a bilingual policy and we shall be training local D.J.s to use the equipment which we shall presently be installing. A series of four consecutive Monday nights starting May 6th will be organised by Radio Nova for the 14-18 year olds and will take the form of break dancing and body popping displays by one of Europe's top teams known as The Eastwood Rockers. There will also be competitions and prizes plus a fair amount of advance radio publicity."

Radio Nova's commitment to The Majestic does not end solely on

disco nights. Already they are planning Festival Week events at The Majestic and a novel broadcasting scheme aimed at visitors and locals during that period.

In Dublin this week sound technicians will be busy transposing new musical voice overs to incorporate the Welsh language into their style of broadcast and publicity. Mr Thompson believes that this is the first time that an Independent Radio Station will have broadcast a Welsh commercial voice over.

One June 1st The Nova Roadshow will be visiting Caernarfon and should prove to be one of the most exciting packages that the two companies have put together.



## OTHER IRISH STATIONS.

Mystery surrounded the sudden disappearance of Radio Annabel, which broadcast from the Ivy Rooms in O'Brien's Hotel, in Parnell Street, Dublin. A letter in from FRCI man, Gerard Roe in the week explains all.

The station had had financial problems for quite a while, and had planned to eventually move up to the Ice Rink, and broadcast live from the DJ booth. But problems arose when it was told to get out of the Ivy Rooms by Sunday 10th March. The reason given was that the hotel wanted to build a bathroom in the studio space. The equipment was taken out that night, after close-down at 11pm. They expected to be based in the Ice Rink by the following Wednesday. This never happened and despite the FM carrier still being noted from the hotel on 92mhz., the station has not re-emerged and looks like it is dead and buried. This is very sad, the station never was a super-pirate by any means, but, was always one of the ones that was always there. The FRCI programme will be sadly missed, but I feel sure that another station will be only too pleased to host such a popular and professionally put together show.

Wicklow Community Radio have had their share of problems during the last fourteen days. Their attempted move from 1512khz. to 1602khz., has only just this last day or so been completed. The original blank carrier on 1602khz., reported about three weeks ago, appeared to be extremely strong, but when modulated, was only a shadow of its former self. Obviously some modifications have been found to be necessary, and quite a bit of air-time appears to have been lost, as first one channel was off, then the other, then both. 1602khz., now seems to be sorted out, but the modulation is still rather poor.

Rumours of a new station in Cork still abound, and a letter in from Mike Smith of Berkshire reports that he thought he heard a station on 1242khz., broadcasting from Cork. More on this one, as news reaches us.

A reader in Bristol reports that he received Waterford Local Radio on 1197khz., fairly recently. This station is not often logged on this side.

Recent investigations of harmonic loggings of Irish pirates by Ken Baird in Scotland, reveals that the majority of transmitters emitting these harmonics are all made by the same chap, whose name we shall with-hold at this stage. He, the t/x builder says that no-one else picks up these signals except Ken (who does have rather a long long wire!). Does anyone else receive harmonics from Ireland?

Boyneside Radio, with four different transmitters, now promise even further relays, into the Midlands, and into Co. Monaghan.

Finally, Centre Radio said that they were coming on air tomorrow. No tests have been noted as yet, although, I am sure it is no April Fool joke. A couple of continuous music stations were noted recently by a correspondent in Dublin, on about 105 and 106mhz.

## THE CAVAN RADIO EXPLOSION.

CCR, short for Cavan Community Radio, was the first pirate operator in county Cavan, having come on air in late November 1983 on 747khz., AM and 98.1mhz., FM. The station originally broadcast from a small two roomed building just outside Cavan town, but on Friday 24th January 1984, it moved into new premises above Musicland Record Store in main Street, Cavan.

The stations original hours of broadcasting were from 8am., till mid-night. However, in mid 1984, Radio Nova in Dublin, moved frequency to 738khz., from 828khz. This meant that reception of CCR was now very poor in some areas, due to the proximity of Radio Nova. So, CCR was re-engineered on to 819khz., AM. The FM, on 98.1mhz., remained, but was mainly used as a link from the main studio above Musicland to the transmitter, about a mile outside Cavan town.

The area served by CCR on 819khz., contains the following counties :- Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim, Longford, Fermanagh, Armagh, Meath, Tyrone, Westmeath, Louth, Roscommon and Sligo. There have also been reports of the station being received in Blackpool, Liverpool and along the North Wales coast. The current CCR schedule is as follows :-

Monday to Friday.....

7am., Don Allen,

10am., Seán Brady,

Mid-day, Ollie Clark,

3pm., Tony Brady,

5.30pm., Owen McConnen, (till 7pm.).

10pm., till mid-night, Seán McManus.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.....

7pm till 10pm., The Don Allen Country and Western Jamboree.

Tuesday.....

7pm till 9pm., Nigel Pratt with American Country Music.

9pm till 10pm., Ceoltas (Irish music).

Thursday.....

7pm till 8.30pm., John Campbell with the Folk Programme.

8.30pm till 10pm., John Tierney.

Saturday.....

8am., Don Allen,

10am., Lynsey Shelbourne,

1pm., Tony Brady,

4pm., John Tierney,

5.30pm., Phelim Cox,

8pm., Nigel Pratt,

10pm till mid-night, John Campbell.



Sunday.....

9am., Tony Brady,  
2pm., Sponsored programme,  
6pm., Hugh Smith,

11am., John Campbell(Folk),  
2.30pm., Half-hour of music,  
8pm., till mid-night, John Tierney.

1pm., Macra programme,  
3pm., Phelim Cox,

There are news broadcasts, Monday to Friday on CCR, at 7.30am., 8am., 8.30am., on the hour from 9am., till 4pm., 4.30pm., 5pm., 5.30pm., and 6pm.

The main news broadcasts at 1pm and 6pm., are longer.

The station is currently promoting a holiday and prizes giveaway, which takes place over April, May, June and July.

Breffni Radio, the second pirate to begin broadcasting in County Cavan(Breffni being an old Irish word for Cavan), started in early December 1984, on 1170khz., AM, and its studios are based in a converted cottage, at a place called Drumlommen, which is about 1 mile from Kilmaleck.

The station's output from the start has concentrated on featuring the best of Irish and American Country Music. It also broadcasts the very best of Irish Traditional Music. Programmes of note include John Byer's "Rambling House" every Tuesday from 8pm till 9pm., and every Thursday from 9pm., till 10pm.

The station broadcasts from 7am., till 1am., seven days a week, and has been a success from the beginning due mainly to its music policy.

The station also makes recordings of local musicians for inclusion in its programmes, and features requests, dedications and notices of interest.

The station's powerful signal on 1170khz., can be received in over seventeen counties in Ireland, and along the West Coast of Britain.

Erneside Community Radio, the third and last pirate operating in county Cavan, having come on the air in late January 1985, on 1251khz., AM, very close to Breffni Radio.

The station's studios are based at Main Street, Belturbet, where requests and dedications can be sent. There is a telephone number in operation for advertising only....049 22123.

The station's output concentrates, like Breffni, on Irish Country and Western Music, with some deviations some days. The programme schedule also varies from day to day, but the station is on the air every day from 8am., till mid-night.

Erneside Community Radio have an outside broadcast unit, which has so far, visited towns in counties, Cavan, Leitrim and Fermanagh, collecting requests and dedications to be used later on the air.

The station, as well as playing requests, also features notices concerning local events, and from Monday 25th March 1985, they will broadcast the Erneside Community Radio Help-line, at 10.30am., and 4.30pm., which will include items for sale, or items which people might be interested in buying, the programme goes out Monday to Friday.

RADIO WEST, a pirate operator which has been broadcasting from Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, for about the past three and a half years. Radio West broadcasts on 765khz., AM and 99.0 and 102.3mhz., FM, seven days a week from studios situated in Patrick Street, Mullingar. Their current line-up is as follows :-

Monday to Friday.....

7am., Willie Hart, 10am., Keith Shannly, 2pm., Mark Hughes,  
6pm., (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)... "Country Music"  
9pm., (6pm., on Tuesday and Thursday)... Mike McCartney's "Night Flight".

Saturday.....

8am., Mark Hughes, 10am., Mike McCartney with Golden Oldies,  
11am., Mike McCartney with USA Top 40. 2pm., Keith Shannly,  
6pm., till mid-night, Arlene O'Kelly.

Sunday.....

8am., Mark Hughes, Mid-day, Ceoltas Programme,  
3pm., Radio West Top 40 with Willie Hart, 6pm., Arlene O'Kelly.

There are news broadcasts on Radio West, Monday to Friday as follows :- 8am., and on the hour till 6pm., then again, on the hour from 9pm., till midnight. The main news bulletins at 1pm., and 6pm., are usually extended to give more coverage to local Midlands news, and interviews. The news bulletins are read by Arlene O'Kelly and Tina Gates, and occasionally by Willie Hart and Mike McCartney. The news broadcasts on Saturday are from 9am till 6pm., on the hour, and include sports results at the appropriate time.

THIS DETAILED REPORT FROM MAN ON THE SPOT, SEAN BRADY, PRESENTER WITH CCR., who we hope, will keep us up to date on developments in this area, for which we thank him.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## RADIO CAROLINE

### 21 YEARS ON THE AIR(well, as good as)

The station celebrated this occasion with lots of old extracts on 28th March. All the presenters doing something or other, even Radio Monique between 5pm and 6pm. More celebrations are planned for the Easter weekend(next week-end), including D.J.'s past and present Top 200 tunes.

The CM Movement held a Convention with this as the theme last Saturday but one in London, and a full report of this event follows.

The evening of 19th March was quite interesting, as Nick Richards re-lived the same night of five years previously, when the Mi Amigo sadly sank.

There also follows a full report of a recent trip out to the Ross by various parties who had attended the CM Convention.

The weekend of this function saw the return to the Ross of Simon Barrett and a new man Chris Pearson(no details are yet forthcoming about his previous involvement in radio).

No major problems have occurred as far as transmissions go, although a change of frequency took place on Monday morning last, from 576khz. to 585khz. This proved extremely popular at this location, but not everywhere I believe, particularly not in Scotland. However, this change only lasted for three days(tests, we believe), and they then returned to 576khz. One or two early nights have been noted, no doubt for maintenance.

Present line-up on the station looks like this.....

6am., John Lewis, 9am., Jay Jackson, mid-day, Nick Richards, 3pm., Chris Pearson,  
6pm., Simon Barrett, 10pm., Fergy McNeil, 2am., Fiona Jeffries.

Two new adverts have been noted today, one for Dickie Dirts Jean Shop in London, this shop was advertised on Laser previously, but only as a read advert and not a professional one, as this one. The other for holidays on Morroco, similar adverts for this, also heard on Laser. Plus, a competition was announced.

### LASER 558.

The odd break in transmission still noted here, plus the signal does vary from excellent to not so good, from day to day, as they change from one transmitter to the other, I guess.

Present line-up looks like this :-

5am., David Lee Stone(rumoured to be leaving to join Luxy, Jay Jackson's job perhaps !)  
9am., Erin Kelly, 1pm., Chris Carson, 5pm., Liz West, 9pm., Charlie Wolfe.

Two more girls are thought to be on their way, we could have a situation where the line-up is all girls. This could maybe be a first for an offshore station.

Has Rick Harris left? Is Holly Michaels marrying the Captain of the ship?

Simon West from Herts., tells us he got a letter recently from Jessie Brandon in New York, and she has told him of the whereabouts of one or two of the original team. Melinda Clare is now working on a rock station in Durham, North Carolina, doing news. 'Captain Buzz Cody' was just a name manufactured for the very talented Tony Johnson, who was last heard of working in the Detroit area. The original Steve Masters does over-night programmes on an Oakland, California black station.

### THE VOP.

Again, still awaiting reports from there, but two facts have been noted. The station returned to the airwaves on Tuesday 12th February in the afternoon, so we are told by correspondent in Cyprus, Soren Bang Holm. We understand that they are still broadcasting. Also, Chris Taylor from Merseyside is still out there, despite rumours of his return being rife.



### THE THIRD CM CONVENTION...LONDON...23rd MARCH 1985...REPORT.

Saturday dawned, miserable and murky, as the Anoraks U.K. team made its way across North East London. The Range Rover packed with staff, pulling a massive trailer, full of free radio goodies, hoping to delight all and sundry. As we sped past the Courtney Hotel, venue for the highly successful second Convention in 1983, all the thoughts came flooding back, of what a good time we had on that Saturday almost two years ago, and wondering if this year's was going to be as good.

Within minutes we found ourselves, thanks to an excellent map in the CM programme, right outside St. Margarets Church Hall. Despite being reasonably early, it was already evident that something was on there that day, as cars and light vans were all around and people eagerly carrying cardboard boxes (what would we do without these things?) into the hall. Lots of greetings were exchanged as we met up with friends and people we had not seen since the last function. The car and trailer were quickly eased into a space they had saved for us, and off we went into the hall, all lugging the notorious cardboard boxes.

St. Margarets Church Hall seemed quite enormous when we drove up, and, equally so, when we climbed the outside stairs (the emergency exit) and peered within, already filling up with various organisations staff, hastily erecting stalls etc. Little did we know that the place would seem only half the size once the members arrived, and arrive they did, bang on eleven, almost before we had managed to put the finishing touches to our rather modest stands, (trestle tables and the odd table-cloth!). The hall itself was fairly large, but with rows of seats in position, facing an equally large stage, very little room remained for the various sales stands, who had to be content to be squashed in at the back and round the sides. As well as our quite long stand, the R.N.L.I. people also had a stand, then came CM, East London Radio Campaign and Radio Jackie. Within minutes of the doors opening, the place seemed packed and I understand that between two and three hundred people came, although how many at one particular time remains unknown, but I doubt if it was many fewer.

The first hour, from 11am till noon was given over for people to view the sales stands, and to exchange greetings with other people. At our stand it seemed like people were trying to buy us out before the function got under way (little did they know that we had come prepared and there was lots more under the tables), and it was quite a relief at mid-day, when Geoff Baldwin took the stage and officially declared the event open. It gave us a little time to adjust our delapidated stall and make it presentable once more ready for the next onslaught, once the action on the stage had ceased. Everyone took seats and listened as Geoff handed over to CM main man John Burch who proceeded to inform people of what was to follow. Lots of videos and lots of guests, who would take the stage and have a chat about their involvement in free radio. Already one or two 'names' had been spotted and at this early stage it looked like it was going to be even more successful than 1983.

As the videos got under way fairly quickly, people moved around, those who perhaps had that particular video, would get up and walk around and others more interested would take their seats. The proceedings were interrupted at 1.30 (it might even have been 12.30, I completely lost track of time), when the organisers tuned into Laser, who proceeded to wish every success to the function, which was rather nice of them, but as they said, had it not been for Caroline, they would not have been there today. I would have thought that Caroline could have come up with something similar, but no.

At our stand, we took turns to have a break downstairs in the bar. It was a very pleasant little place, with a lot more room to it than the upper floor (mainly due to fewer people being there), but even down there became packed later, although no problems were experienced in getting drinks at all. In the adjacent room, was CM's own snack bar which came in very handy as one became a bit peckish during the course of the day. The arrangements for food were rather good, people had to go out and around the corner to a takeaway cafe where you presented your meal voucher.

Upstairs the videos were shown, interspersed with celebrities on the stage. Despite being fairly close to the stage, we were unable to really watch any of them at all, due to being busy at all times, but some were more popular than others. The new Laser and the new Caroline video for example but others too, had a good audience watching. The Dutch film about the building of the REM Island, Radio London and others. A home made video, shot by some Dutch Anoraks, whilst being fairly interesting did not seem to hold the crowd spellbound, and people were soon wandering away and back to the sales stands to browse through the endless amount of literature one seemed to be able to purchase.

As far as guests went, this could be described as a good turn-out. We spotted the following (and I am sure that we missed some too, so don't write in and say 'what about me')..... and they are not in any order of importance, appearance or anything at all..... Keith King, Bruce Purdy, Dave Richards, Tony Gareth, Carl Kingston, Peter Clarke, Paul McKenna, Tom Hardy, Andy Johnson, Bob Matthews, Paul Rusling, James Kay, Stewart Vincent, (all from Caroline at one time or other)



Andrew Hewkin, Peter Rivers(Radio Jackie), Alan West, Arnold Layne(Greg Bance),(both ex RNI), Jenny James, Quentin Martin,(The VOP), Kevin Turner(various including Suirside Ireland and Nova Italy) Bill Rollins(EAP), Chris Edwards(OEM), Ray Addams(South East Sounds), Dave Scott, Mike Davis(Radio Apollo), Stuart Scott(ERI), Jack Russell(WMR), Chris Cortez, Albert and Georgina Hood, Luis Nieto.....the list went on and on. It really was a treat to see them altogether under one roof. Even France was represented, by Phillipe Bertrand of Radio Waves. There were no representatives of Laser 558, at least they did not make themselves known. Liverpool was well represented, Leicester too with Paul Graham and company, Leeds as well. Conspicuous also by absence, many people from Ireland.

A raffle was organised by CM and a black and white portable was the prize donated by TV engineer, Mike Heaviside. This was promptly won by Anorak-U.K. junior member, ten week old Lewis, who spent the best part of the day fast asleep on the stall.

The usual free radio auction took place, when radio items went for the best price. Some people seemed to spend a fortune buying items which to others appeared worthless. The auction seemed to lose some impact once the radio stuff was sold and items like watches started appearing.

People continued to be interviewed by the hard-working John Burch. One of these was Bill Rollins, who described his job with EAP(East Anglian Productions). Bill was also involved in free radio in the early days, stations that is.

Taped messages were played from ex Caroline and RNI man, Ian Anderson, still involved in radio work right up there in the Shetlands. Also from radio clown, Dave Windsor, currently out in Italy with colleague, Stuart Clark, at Radio Sovereign. Stuart also had a few words to say. Finally a taped message from Simon Barrett, presently living in Holland, but at the very time, just arrived on Caroline for a stint.

I suppose the highlight of the day came in the evening, with the 'Anorak of 1985' award. People nominated those they thought deserved the title, and yours truly suddenly found himself sitting on the stage with other stalwarts of the radio world like Chris Cortez, doing wierd things like singing well-known ditties and answering radio related questions. Had this happened earlier in the day, it is quite possible that it would have been completely different, but, as it was, everyone had had a few drinks(not too many, mind you), and the whole event was quite hilarious(at least, it appeared so from the stage). To my complete surprise(I thought Chris Cortez had won) I found myself up front sporting the 'Anorak of the Year' complete with sequins. I think I won a free trip to the ships also, but when I think back, it is all a bit hazy now.

In no time, it was all over, it was eleven o'clock, and time to go. Just memories left, and a video(the whole event was videoed). As we would say in the North, 'a reet good do'.

So, when is the next one? I sincerely hope we don't have to wait two years again! Why don't we have one up North.

I cannot really criticize CM at all. The organisation was good. The place was crowded, but that is success for you. The sales stands should have been downstairs adjacent to the bar, but then we would have missed the videos and all the great atmosphere(I might have sold more aerials though!). Lack of time prevented the showing of more videos. We had the superb Radio Nova video ready to show.

Ten out of ten CM. Also special thanks to the other five members of AUK, who spent the best part of the day being bombarded by people. And to all the others who put in a lot of hard work to ensure we had a good time.

Possibly the thing that upset me most was the fact that there were so many people there who I would have loved to have had a good long chat with, the people who, for 364 days of the year are just names, then for one day only, there is a face to the name, but due to the fact that there are so many of them, we are unable to hold a discussion with them. I should just like to say to them, thanks for coming, keep writing, keep listening, maybe next time things will be different.

It was nice to see personalities there, who have not forgotten their roots, where and how they started. They may well work for ILR now, but they still return to functions like these. I shall not mention names, but they all know who they are. Then there were those who could not make it, due to having to work, one in particular who was on the other side of the Atlantic. They missed a good 'do'. Then there were those who would rather forget about working for a pirate, good luck to them, I say, we had a good time anyway.

Yes, it was magic. Would one work out in the North? You write and let us know what you think, and when you think it would be best to have it.

Finally, two members of our team managed to get tickets for the trip out to the ships next day, and the next article is a report by one of them on how this event went.

#### REPORT BY BARRIE AND RUTH JOHNSTON.

##### BOAT TRIP OUT TO CAROLINE AND LASER.

24th March 1985.

Following the Caroline 21st Anniversary Convention on 23rd March, a boat trip out to see Caroline and Laser was arranged for the Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

The plan was to have the trip in the afternoon, so as to give time for any hangovers to have worked themselves out of our systems!! However, due to a change in plans, which not everyone got to know about, due to not contacting the organiser, the trip was made earlier in the afternoon.



So, after a mad drive of over 70 miles to the harbour, the boat left just after 3pm., with about ten Anoraks aboard, sporting, of course, anoraks, cameras, oil-skins and wellington boots, together with a skipper, who could also be said to be another Anorak.

According to weather reports heard on Caroline, the sea was supposed to be calm, and I suppose it was, but the first part of the journey was not pleasant for myself, not being a sea-faring person, and the small vessel we were in was particularly susceptible to move, even in the smallest swell. However, things settled down, and we headed out towards the two ships, which were too far out at this point to be visible.

The first contact with the ships was when a large blip appeared on our radar screen, followed by another just behind it. This meant that the ships were still several miles away.

At about 5.30pm., the shape of the Communicator appeared out of the mist, on the horizon.. At this point, those who were sat down, immediately stood up, and we were all then peering into the distance waiting for the Ross Revenge to come into view, which she did a few minutes later, looking slightly smaller than the Communicator, as she was further away.

Then we waited and watched for what seemed like forever as the ships gradually got closer and closer. As we approached the Communicator, the front mast was seen sporting a new cross-member, towards the top, in order to give it added strength, following its collapse in January, and also, the helium tanks were noted to be missing(although when these were actually removed is not known). At this point, cameras were snapping away, as the light was beginning to fail already, and we had to get to the Ross quickly, before it became too dark.

At approx. 6pm., we pulled alongside the Communicator and Erin Kelly and Chris Carson came up on deck to greet us. Mighty Joe Young also stuck his head through a porthole and started chatting to one of our members. The organiser of the trip then asked if we could board, but the captain on board declined to allow us. Charlie Wolfe was now out on deck, and since we were not allowed on to the ship, threw a ladder down on to our boat, and climbed down to mingle with the Anoraks.

Liz West, who was on the air at the time, came out on deck with Mighty Joe Young, who began asking about the signal strength and quality of the audio. We gave him some hints about the audio(too much mid-range, not enough treble, despite large side-bands), and he thanked us. He also said that they should be up to 25kw shortly.

After what seemed like only a few seconds, Charlie Wolfe boarded their vessel, and we waved good-bye to all on deck, and sped off towards the Ross, which only took a few minutes to reach. It was almost dark now, and both ships had lights on decks, which shimmered on the now calm sea. The taking of photographs was now very difficult, however, we were all snapping away merrily.

As we approached, John Lewis, Chicago and Michael Barrington were out on deck to greet the boat full of mad anoraks. This time, we all boarded without problems. My first port of call was the transmitter room, after gaping in awe at the huge antenna(Laser's being like twigs in comparison), to see what was happening. I was informed that the 576khz. transmitter was running at 5kw, and the 963khz. transmitter at 25kw., both fed, diplexed, into the same aerial wire. Also that night, the 576 was to be changed to 585khz., however, as we know by now, this only lasted three days, and it is now back on 576khz. A familiar 10kw transmitter is currently being re-built, and may be on the air in a few months.

We were then shown around the generator room, which was much cleaner than I had imagined, and had wet washing hung up to dry in the heat. One of the generators had just been overhauled.

After this, we were free to wander about, looking at the studios etc., which were upstairs, and into the lounge/mess where the D.J.'s/crew could be seen in their natural habitat. The English D.J.'s on board at the time were....John Lewis, Jay Jackson, Nick Richards, Simon Barrett and Chris Pearson, along with Fergy McNeil and Fiona Jeffries, who both do some programmes.

Raffles, the dog, was wandering about and did not appear to like all the flashing of cameras. He seemed a very tame dog, I wonder if he misses grass and trees?

After being on board for an hour and a half, it was then time to head back to boring old England, hopefully in time to catch a last pint at the pub. The little boat we had come out in, was now moving several feet up and down against the Ross, and it took a while for everyone to get aboard. Once we had, we said good-bye to our sea-faring heroes, who brave all weather conditions to bring us good music, with a minimum of waffle, and we sped off into the darkness, past the Communicator, with its many high lights on deck.

After two and a half hours of buffeting water, standing up all the way, due to the sea water wetting all the seats etc., we arrived back at the harbour.

Alas, after a great afternoon/evening's anoraking, it was just too late to get a pint of real ale.

Thanks must go to the trip organiser and the skipper of the boat we went out in, who seemed to be just as big an anorak as the rest of us, for an memorable day- in all, a most memorable weekend for everyone, and one I will remember for many years to come.

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT FOR ANORAKS U.K. BY GARY HOGG.**



## LAND-BASED STATIONS.

**KISS FM** from Portadown Northern Ireland was raided by the DTI at about 1.50gmt., on Wednesday 20th March 1985. All the equipment was taken. The station had been on the air, only for about a week before the raid took place. They broadcast on FM only, but had planned, we believe, to come on AM. The station plans to continue but not until they have taken refuge South of the border, in Eire, beaming the signal North from a high vantage point.

Nigel Watkinson reports that Central Radio from Merseyside were noted testing on 17th March, at about 11.00am. Nothing further has been heard though.

Radio Merseywaves was noted by us, as we travelled through Cannock, Staffs., last Sunday Tim Jackson in Liverpool tells us that they were also on Saturday, but commencing later than usual. They were also noted with a very strong signal both today and yesterday, here. The FM transmissions have not been noted recently in Liverpool.

Radio Commodore were reported on 103.8mhz., one night last week, but said that they were not going to do this again, but stick to Monday afternoon only broadcasts, as no one was listening to them. They gave out an address of 2a Woburn Place, Rockferry, Birkenhead, Cheshire and said that a short wave service was planned, possibly on 6300khz.

KISS FM has been on the air each Sunday afternoon from Liverpool, on 102.85mhz., but low power was evident, due to the recent activity of the notorious DTI.

Finally in Liverpool, a strong blank carrier was noted today, on 1026khz. This is the channel used by Storeton Community Radio until recently. Are they on their way back, we ask.

In Manchester, Southside Radio did a short test on 103.1mhz., last Thursday, but their modulation left a lot to be desired. Over-deviation seemed the major problem.

On tuning to 1017khz., yesterday, we were all surprised here to note KFM back, but this time with a much superior signal. Guessing, I should say about 500 watts of power there. The signal was less strong on Sunday, but still very readable, despite Capital Radio in Dublin being very loud here. The same address was being used in Marple, and we should like to wish them all the best on their return, and Good Luck.

Dave Small from Cannock reports UK Radio on 103.6mhz., last Sunday, with a nice signal. Also, Radio Mi Amigo on 102.1mhz., with a weak signal from Telford. This station seems to have opened up, following Wrekin City Radio's decision to close. Many of the staff are the same, we understand. So, radio is alive and well in Telford. If space permits next week, we shall print the line-up of this station.

Finally, two reports from outside the U.K., Peter Messingfeld reports a 'Sunshine Radio' started in Wuppertal, West Germany. He wonders if anyone has the Sunshine jingle package to give them. Secondly, and I have just realised that it is short wave, so, I will change the heading and reproduce the promotional sheet sent in from New Zealand by David Miller. Again, if space permits, I will reproduce one or two QSL cards sent in this week, very colourful they are too. If no space left, I will endeavour to do the same next week.

## SHORT WAVE NEWS .

### TUI RADIO TUI RADIO TUI RADIO TUI RADIO TUI RADIO

#### PROMOTIONAL SHEET

This is a promo sheet for the proposed free station T.U.I radio. Transmissions will be from somewhere in the Dunedin city area, T.U.I radio is coming on air because there is no privately owned Shortwave stations operating in New Zealand.

T.U.I Radio will play Top 40 music as well as music from the Beatles, Rolling stones, T.u.i will also have its own DX programme. T.U.I. Radio will not broadcast on the same frequency as any other Free radio station.

T.U.I. Radio will have a Power of 20 -30 watts. T.U.I. Radio will be the souths No1 Free Radio station, T.U.I. Radio is fighting for a better system on Shortwave in New Zealand and also supports Free radio in the UK and anywhere else. Transmissions could be 30 minutes or one hour long depending on programming.



## CALDERDALE SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO COURT CASE on 28th MARCH 1985

At shortly after 10am. on 28th March 1985, the case of the Department of Trade and Industry against Calderdale Sound Community Radio began at Todmorden Magistrates Court. The defendant, David Blaxhall, was answering two charges. One, of installing an illegal radio station, and the other, of using the equipment to broadcast Calderdale Sound Community Radio.

Unfortunately, due to the size of the courtroom, only one member of the general public managed to watch the case throughout, even though there was a lot of support.

The case began on a lighter note, when only one of the two charges was read out, at which point, the solicitor acting for the DTI interrupted to correct the mistake. The case for the DTI was then put forward, with the normal points, (a) that illegal transmissions 'could, and have' caused interference to emergency services, and legal users of the bands, (b) copyright laws have been infringed upon, and (c) that pirate stations have no licences, and hence, no-one to check their programme output, which could be of a political/offensive nature.

After this initial pre-amble, which was one of a general nature, the specific case of Calderdale Sound was dealt with, and it was stated that the DTI began to investigate, after a complaint had been received about an illegal station in the area. It was not stated who had put in the complaint, however, it is understood that Pennine Radio was the culprit, as their new relay in the Calder Valley was about to be commissioned at this time. A description of the tracking of the station was given, along with the specific dates involved, and a request for a search warrant for the premises being used. The description of the actual raid on the station was then given, including the DTI version of the back door incident, which caused £130 worth of damage. Apparently, their story was an accurate one, and it was through a misunderstanding, when the door was opened, and then closed in their faces, that it was kicked down by the police - an act, quite in order, under the search warrant.

On entering the premises, it was stated that the DTI discovered David Blaxhall, surrounded by broadcasting equipment, and still doing a radio show. David admitted ownership and using the equipment, and said that no-one else was involved. That was the case given for the DTI, except that they wished to keep all of the equipment previously confiscated (transmitter, turntables, mixer etc.), and applied for £75 costs.

At this point, David gave his statement to the court, which consisted of a brief history into how he became interested in providing a community radio service to the area, and the reasons why he eventually had to do it illegally. After this, the Reverend Tim Jackson was called, and he gave a statement as to the good the station had done for the community.

In summing up for the defence, David's solicitor stated that the station had been operated entirely without advertising, and thus, out of David's own pocket. It was mentioned that the station had provided entertainment for those who were immobile, and could not get out of the house, and several letters were read out from such people who were distressed as to why the station had gone off the air. Other letters were produced including one from the area ambulance service, who said that no interference was caused to emergency services. The final piece of written evidence was a 3500 strong petition for the legalisation of Calderdale Sound. (3500 may not sound many, but in an area such as Todmorden, with low population, this is quite a feat, and shows the support the station has).

Praise must now go to David's solicitor, who pulled off the coup of the year, by, in his closing statement, asking for all the equipment back, except the transmitter, since David had applied for one of the new community radio licenses, and would not use the equipment in question, to broadcast as a pirate again. He also stated that since David had never been in court on any charge before then, he should be given a conditional discharge, especially now that he may be operating the station legally by the end of the year, should he be successful in his application for a license.

At this point, the court rose and the magistrates retired to deliberate. Several minutes later they returned to give out their verdict.

1. Fined £100 for operating the station.
2. A conditional discharge for installing the station.
3. No costs to be paid.
4. All the equipment, except the transmitter to be returned.

Afterwards, we all celebrated in the pub, and David went home to receive his equipment back from the DTI, then he re-joined us in the pub.

Lets hope that David is successful in obtaining a community radio license, as he has put so much work into it. He certainly deserves one.

REPORT FROM OUR MAN IN COURT, GARY HOGG.



## SHORT-WAVE LOG FOR SUNDAY 24th MARCH 1985.

In our absence, the logs for this week have been kindly compiled by Podney R. Sixe, Glenn Hocking, both of Cornwall, and Dave Small of Cannock in Staffordshire.

5810khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., with tests at 1321gmt., announcing 5800khz.  
6200khz...FALCON RADIO, at 10.00, 10.20, and 1030gmt, announcing usual Northampton address.  
6206/7khz...RADIO DELMARE, also relaying Radio Rastafari and Radio C.L.C.G., between 10.04 & 12.08gmt.  
6230khz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., opening up at 0927gmt.  
6238khz...RADIO TONAIR INT., at 0858, 0912 and 0920gmt. Gaanderen address.  
6240khz...REBEL RADIO NETWORK, at 1133, 1134 and 1143gmt.  
6242khz...RADIO HOTEL AMIGO, at 10.00gmt., playing old ABC Tramore tape at 11.16gmt.  
6275khz...UNID, at 0847gmt., Dutch accent, very weak.  
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10.40 and 1043gmt.  
6553/6khz...RADIO BLUEBIRD INT., 10.58, 11.10 and 1245gmt.  
6870khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 10.02, 10.16 and 10.58gmt.  
7105khz...RADIO TIME, at 08.10, 0838, and 09.30gmt.  
7140khz...RADIO SPOLETO INT., at 0809, 08.30 and 12.25gmt.  
7295khz...RADIO VICTORIA(via Radio Milano Int.), at 0806, 0839, and 0925gmt.  
7310khz...RADIO BAVARIA, at 0915 and 0932gmt, address, P.O. Box 3112,D - 8670, Hof, FRG.  
7317/20khz...FUTURE WORLD RADIO, at 0931, 0935 and 1000gmt.  
7445/6khz...KBC RADIO(via Radio 101), at 0925 and 0950gmt.  
7480khz...RADIO NOVA MUSICA, at 0842 and 1140gmt.

## SHORT-WAVE LOG FOR SUNDAY 31st MARCH 1985.

Logs today kindly supplied by 'Anoraks U.K.' in Blackpool, Glenn Hocking in Cornwall, Paul Graham in Leicester, Ian Biggar in Kilbirnie, Ken Baird in Sorn Ayrshire and Gary Hogg in Leeds. Conditions were below average in most areas, worsening towards mid-day. The long skip conditions continued to prevail (we have not received Westside Radio now for about five weeks, and Radio 101 for nearly as many months).

6200khz...CHANNEL RADIO INT., at 0845gmt., in Cornwall only.  
6200khz...RADIO APOLLO, at 0915gmt.  
6200khz...FALCON RADIO, at 0923gmt., with heterodyne noise with above.  
6205khz...UNID, early, with Dutch accent in English.  
6230khz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 0830 and 1023gmt., not received in Blackpool.  
6240khz...SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING, at 0901 and 0925gmt., with good signal and modulation (it is just a pity we have to tolerate this continued slagging of Jay Jackson on the air....give it a rest lads, make better use of a fine SW transmitter).  
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 1018gmt., not received in Blackpool (again!).  
6294khz...RADIO BLUEBIRD INT., at 1218gmt., Leeds and Cornwall only.  
6300khz...CHANNEL RADIO INT., at 0956gmt., with a good strong signal all over.  
6910khz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO (presumably via Radio Dublin), very briefly, at 0924gmt., in Blackpool.  
7105khz...RADIO TIME, at 0840gmt.,  
7140khz...RADIO SPOLETO INT., at 0735gmt.  
7295khz...RADIO VICTORIA (via Radio Milano Int.), at 0845gmt.  
7335khz...UNID, at 1015gmt., in German.  
7340khz...UNID, very weak, but possibly Sound of Switzerland at 0956gmt., and Canzoni Radio at 1002gmt.  
7400khz...UNID, at 0730gmt., in Spanish, sounding very amateurish.  
7445khz...UNID, at 0845gmt...Radio 101???..Leeds only.  
7480khz...RADIO NOVA MUSICA, at 0926gmt., in Cornwall only.

Just one or two amendments to recent logs, further to reports in by letter over the past fourteen days.

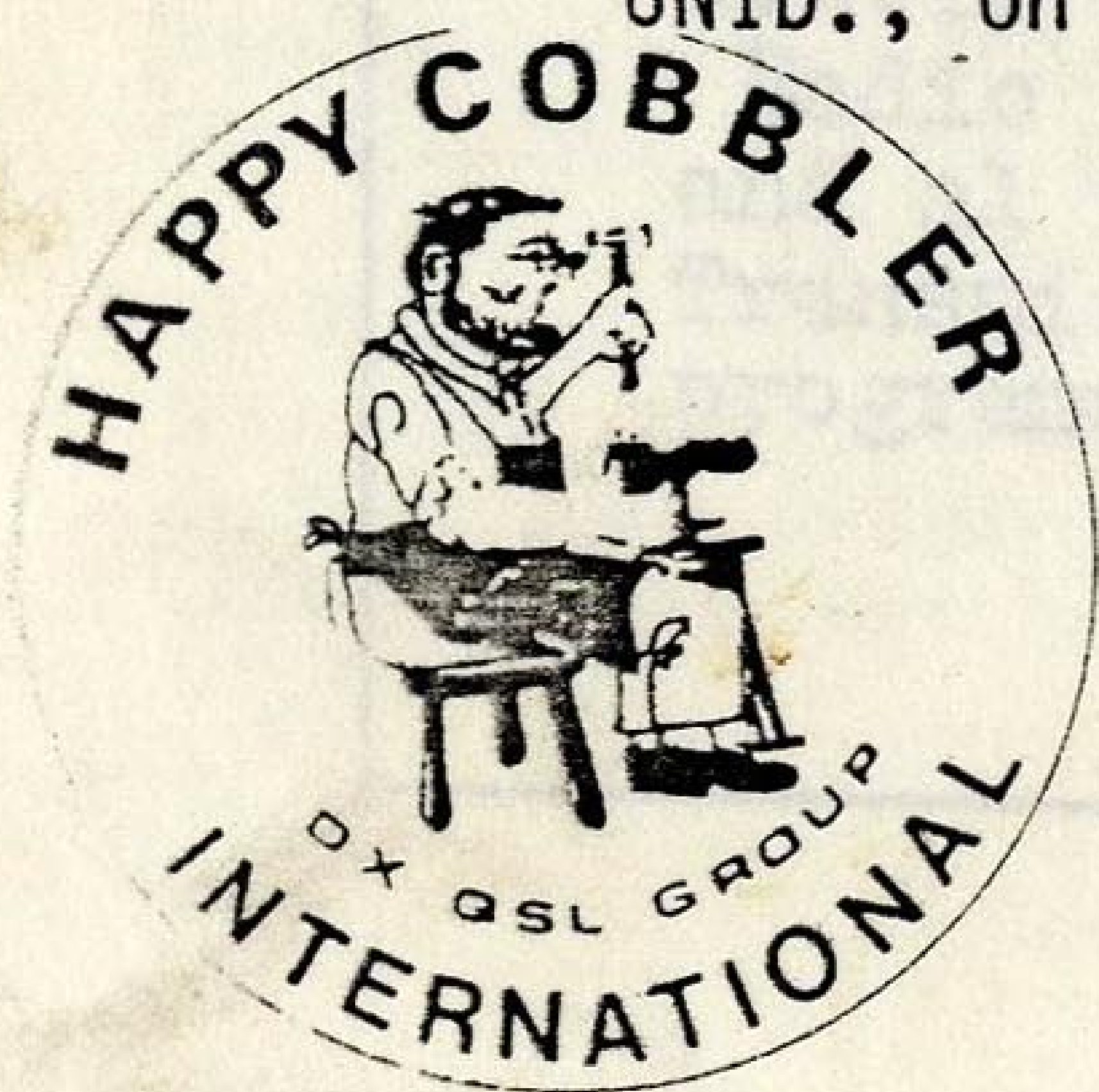
6933khz., on 17th March was of course, Radio Bluebird Int. Thanks to Podney and Paul Watson of Surrey for that one.

UNID on 6250khz., on 17th March was Radio Valleri from Ireland...Podney.

Roger Kirk reports Spoleto reputed to be testing on 6225khz since 3rd February 1985, also reports that UNID on 17th February, (on 6230khz., I think), may have been 'Radio Nova 4' from Holland, back after a long silence.

UNID., on 7315khz., on 10th March was Radio Sound of Switzerland.

UNID., on 17th March on 7325khz., was Radio Pamela, says Alan Dale.



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