

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL, 1386kHz--18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

This station was heard on Saturday night with a "test" transmission. I'm told that the station was on the air from approximately 4pm - 6pm, but heard were Mark Evans at 6:08pm, and Jim Brown closing the station down at 6:44pm. He announced a possible link-up with "186m" at midnight, but this was not noted. The station opened at 10am on Sunday, after a short warm-up, with very good reception in both Liscard and Moreton. Signal strength was a steady S2, but the modulation was much clearer. Line-up was 10am - Noon Jim Brown; Noon - 1pm Mark Evans; 1pm - 1:30pm Lynne Shaw; 1:30pm - 2pm Mark Evans; 2pm - 3pm Brian Grant; 3pm - 4pm Steve Tyler; 4pm - 5pm Steve Turner. During the latter show, the transmitter was showing signs of distress and reception became intermittent. They were not heard at 4:29pm check. They were back on the air by 5:39pm, but reception was "hit and miss" for a while, and signal strength had dropped to S2, where it stayed until close-down. Remainder of line-up was 4pm - 5pm Steve Turner; 5pm - 6pm Jeff Stone; 6pm - 6:30pm Hunts Cross; 6:30pm - 7pm Jeff Stone; 7pm - 8pm Mark Evans; 8pm - 9pm the phone-in acknowledgements (most of the calls seem to have been received when the Tx was on reduced power!). Mark Evans closed the station down at 9pm. CRI have been advertising their listener's night out, to be held in the Windsor Castle Hotel, opposite Orrell Park Station, on 29th February. There will be a professional disco and buffet laid on. In addition, there is to be a station meeting at the Sessions Hotel in Orrell Road, Kirkdale, on Wednesday next.

ABC RADIO 96.25MHz stereo FM. 4, Glencairn Road, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 2AL.

This new station was heard from 10pm on Friday night, thanks to a "tip-off" from Eric Monaghan. Heard were Kevin Palmer from 10pm - Midnight and Tom Lodge from Midnight to 1am close-down. Kevin Palmer, however, was announcing "all night" operation. The station was back on the air on Saturday night with Eric Monaghan from 10pm - Midnight and Tom Lodge from midnight to 1am close-down. Reception is very difficult in the stereo mode, due to a large amount of background noise, and the use of "AFC" control invariably "pulls" either Radio Merseyside on 95.8MHz or Radio City on 96.7MHz. Reception in "mono" is much better, although the stereo quality is lost. It was nice to be able to listen once again to Tom Lodge's Free Radio News.

RADIO ELEANOR 1170kHz 16, Stockbridge Street, Anfield, Liverpool L5 6PB.

This station is announcing 1170kHz this weekend in preference to 1179kHz, but this was not checked. Also, they have not been heard on a parallel 1449kHz. On Saturday, the announced line-up was 10am - Noon Tony Reeve; Noon - 3pm Mark Wright; 3pm - 7pm Paul Rogers; 7pm - 9pm Pete Davies. The schedule seems to have been adhered to, with Pete Davies signing on at 8pm being the last check time. On Sunday the announced line-up was 10am - Noon Tony Reeve; Noon - 3pm Mark Wright and 3pm - 5pm close-down Paul Rogers. In his close-down announcement, Paul Rogers apologised for the break in transmission, during the phone-in, and due to "reasons beyond our control". He also said that the station will be using a number of new DJs next weekend.

ALTERNATIVE RADIO TELESTAR 1125kHz. 15, Cressington Ave, Trammere, Birkenhead, Merseyside

Opened at noon on Sunday with a very distorted L42 6QT. signal. Steve Bishop said that they were using a standby transmitter and no amplifier. The close-down time was announced as 5pm, but they had already gone by 4:22pm. From next weekend, they are reverting to their former name of RADIO EAGLE, and will have Steve Bishop, Alan Ross, Phil Clarke and Rick Wild as DJs. They say that they will also be changing frequency "to one side or the other of Radio 1, but we don't yet know what crystal we will be getting". Presumably, the Radio 1 referred to will be the relay from Wallasey on 1107kHz

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL 1413kHz 78, Brunswick Court, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 6LW

This station was noted until 1:10pm on Sunday. Signal was very strong in the Moreton/Meols area, but weak in Liscard. The line-up was not determined, but heard were:- Ray Rockford (1:10pm); Dave Wilson (2:23pm & 3:30pm); Roger Dee (4:29pm); John Freeman (5:35pm & 6:08pm); John Mitchell (?) (8:35pm). At 9:27pm, Roger Dee came back on the air to close the station down at 9:43pm.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1296kHz 30, Bridle Close, Ford Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside

This station has been on the each day, but seem L43 9UU. to have closed down at 8pm on Tuesday night. Schedule was not determined on Saturday as the DJs heard were nothing like the announced line-up. Heard were:- "Uncle Ern" (11:07am); "Little Di" (12:40pm); Dave Collins (3:24pm); Phil Davies of IFR (4:22pm); Chris Sinclair (6:07pm, 6:50pm & 10:31pm); John "C" Rock Music Show (8:10pm). On Sunday, "Uncle Ern" was



heard at 10:49am, announcing that he would be on the air until noon, but at a 12:30pm check, the station had gone from the air, and have not been heard for the rest of the week-end.

CHANNEL 5 1242kHz. 3, Palm Grove, Claughton, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 1TE.

This station was heard on Saturday from about 10:55am. Schedule seems to have been 10am - 1pm Gary Smith; 1pm - 3pm Pete Williams; 3pm - ?? Steve West. The reception was very intermittent with a lot of "crackle" and record decks running at variable speed. The station went off the air shortly afterwards, and was still off the air at 8:10pm. It was next noted at 9:35pm, when Dave Graham was the DJ. He handed over to Matt Black for the 10pm - Midnight close-down spot. When Dave Graham was heard at 9:35pm, he was intimating that the station's antenna had been cut down. The Sunday schedule, which was completed without any hitches, was:- 10am - 1pm Gary Smith; 1pm - 3pm Pete Williams; 3pm - 5pm Steve West; 5pm - 8pm Nick Catford, 8pm - 10pm Dave Graham and 10pm - Midnight close-down Matt Black.

MERSEY WAVES RADIO 94.8MHz FM and 1197kHz AM. No mailing address given.

This station was first noted shortly after 8pm on Sunday, and 8pm was the probable sign-on time. As last weekend, Bert Williams and Paul Jay seemed to be doing "one hour on - one hour off" stints. Reception on both AM and FM is excellent at my location.