

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

This station was heard on Tuesday night, with a good signal. Jeff Stone was heard at 6:45pm, announcing that Jim Brown would be along at 7pm, but at the next listen, they had gone. Apparently they were "testing" on higher power between 4pm and 6pm on Friday night, but this broadcast was not heard. Very severe gusts of wind on Saturday night once again brought down the station's mast, which could not be repaired in reasonable time, so the station was not on the air on Sunday. News from Jim Brown is that on delivery of some new valves, they will be using even higher power, and that they will be moving frequency, to allow Radio Jackie North back onto 1395kHz without the stations "getting in one another's way". It is also reported that RADIO ATLANTIS, a subsidiary of Central Radio, will commence testing on 1359kHz within the next two weeks. Radio Atlantis will operate on Saturdays only, until Central Radio starts its Saturday operation, when Atlantis will become a weekday station. Don't forget Central's listener's night out at the Windsor Castle in Walton Vale on 29th February.

RADIO ELEANOR 1170/1179kHz. 16, Stockbridge Street, Anfield, Liverpool, L5 6PB.

Firstly this week I should start by correcting a few errors that have crept into my notes over the past couple of weeks, probably due to limited listening time being available. The station is announcing operation on either 1170kHz or 1179kHz. This Sunday the frequency was 1177kHz, but was not measured on Saturday. The station are not restricting the supply of car-stickers to "one per person", and Paul Rogers announced that the station will be happy to send two or three stickers with each application. Not sure exactly where this misunderstanding has come from, but it came from an announcement made by one of the presenters. Finally, Barry Cullen did not leave the station last weekend, as he was heard this weekend. This weekend the station has operated the same schedule as over the last few weekends (ie 10am to 10pm on Saturday, and 10am to 5pm on Sunday, with the same line-up). They have announced that Barry Cullen has left the station for a period of 10 weeks, and that next weekend they will operate with a revised schedule. John Freeman has joined the station, and Nick James will be a "temporary" DJ. The proper line-up will be reported next week. Schedule on Sunday was "as normal", except that just before the 5pm close-down, John Freeman introduced a few of the records, "to get the feel of the controls". Paul Rogers says that the "History of Radio Eleanor" tape is still available on the same terms as previous (ie send no money, but write to the station expressing an interest, and they will send further details. Don't forget your SAE for their reply!!). Apparently, Radio Eleanor held a phone-in this afternoon, which attracted 38 phone calls in 30 minutes. They were particularly pleased that they had been heard in the West Midlands area. It seems that SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE, a pirate station from the Birmingham area, were not on 1179kHz on Sunday, leaving the frequency free for reception of Radio Eleanor.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 30, Bridle Close, Ford Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside

are a station that could do with a slightly shorter address!! They have not been heard during the week, and were not heard on Saturday until 3:50pm, when the "Sandie Babe and Little Di" show was in progress. Modulation was nice and clear, but the transmission was very intermittent. The station had gone from the air by 4:55pm, and was not heard again that day. On Sunday, the station were first heard at 12:21pm, with an unidentified voice (possibly John Sniff) saying that it was SCR on a "test transmission" on 1026kHz and the "Sandie Babe and Little Di" show signed-on at 12:25pm. They were still on the air at 1:50pm, but at 2:06pm, they repeated their "test transmission" announcement, and said that they were leaving the air, but that they would be back later. This was the last that has been heard of them.

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

A strong carrier was heard at 11:49am on Sunday on 1413kHz. By 12:15pm, Station "M" was on the air with Roger Dee explaining amongst much merriment and cross-talk that the station was having difficulties with their amplifier. After a delay, they came on the air with the Ray Rockford Show. They were announcing Dave Wilson to 3pm, then John Mitchell for one hour until 4pm. Dave Wilson announced that John Freeman has now left the station, and moved to Radio Eleanor, which seems to have been confirmed with the announcements from the latter station. By 4:26pm, Roger Dee was on air, and he was still there at 5:09pm and 5:37pm checks. At 6pm, an unidentified DJ, possibly Dave Wilson, was in the chair, during the phone-in programme. In contrast to Radio Eleanor's 38 phone-calls in 30 minutes, SMI reported that they had not received one single call during their phone-in, which lasted for quite a long time. It seems that listeners are becoming more selective in

their listening. "Running commentaries" on equipment repairs, laughing and joking with "unheard" personnel in the background are no longer tolerated by the listeners at large, and stations that do not act responsibly can no longer expect to receive the support of the public. I hope that the message gets across to Roger Dee and Co. The station was not heard at 7:30pm check.

CHANNEL FIVE 1242kHz: 3 Palm Grove, Claughton, Burkenhead, Merseyside L43 1TE

This station still remains a bit of a mystery at times, due the the length of records played two or three in a row at times, and the lack of announcements at times when I happen to be listening! They were not heard on Saturday at either 10am or 11am, in spite of announcing a 10am start. They were first heard at 11:33am, when the Gary Smith show was in progress. The regular schedule, except for the late sign-ons on Saturdays, seems to be:- Sat/Sun 10am-1pm Gary Smith; 1pm-4pm Pete Williams; 4pm-6pm Steve West; 6pm-8pm Nick Catford; 8pm-10pm Dave Graham; 10pm-Midnight Matt Black; Midnight-1am Frank Xerox; 1am-5am Steve West; 5am-10am Nick Catford. The cycle is repeated on Sun/Mon, but with Steve West closing the station down at 3am

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 94.8 MHz FM and 1197kHz AM

This station signed-on at 6pm on Sunday. Schedule was Bert Williams 6pm-8pm; Paul Jay 8pm-11pm and Bert Williams from 11pm to Midnight close-down. The station had a phone-in from 7:15pm, and they are asking for "would-be" DJs who "must be prepared to do 'live' shows".

You can't miss this one on MW. It's the one that uses an "echo" effect on all speech by Bert Williams

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