

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE    Week ending Sunday 4th March 1984.

The Central Radio Listener's night out on Wednesday was a very enjoyable occasion with representatives from all of the local stations, with the exception of ABC Radio and Radio Merseywaves, being met. I understand that Eric Monaghan had transport problems and turned up after I had left, and that Paul Jay of Radio Merseywaves was prevented from attending by a last-minute "hitch". News from the stations is that Liverpool Pirate Radio's new transmitter has now been completed, and they hope to be back on the air in a couple of weeks time, although I can not remember whether they will be on 224m or 244m! Storeton Community Radio are expecting to be back on the air from Monday 5th March, presumably on their new frequency of 1026kHz. Central Radio still expect to operate on both Saturday and Sunday in the near future, together with Radio Atlanta operating during the week. Channel 5 confirm that their aerial is once again being pulled down every Friday night/Saturday morning, after a period of being left alone for a while. Station "M" International report that the interference to the telephone lines during phone-ins is not sabotage by other stations, but interception of the lines by British Telecom.

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

This station were on the air on both Tuesday and Wednesday night, but due to mal-operation of my receiver (ie trying to use it without an antenna!!) reception was so poor that I had to switch off.

CHANNEL FIVE 1242kHz AM: 3, Palm Grove, Claughton, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 1TE.

This station opened up late again on Saturday. They were not on the air at 10:20am, but were heard at 10:50am. Thereafter, they seem to have followed the same line-up as heard on previous weekends, except that Gary Smith's Sunday programme started at 10:47 am, due to "difficulties in getting to the studio"

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

The revised schedule for this station, as printed last weekend, is not quite correct if this weekend's line-up is 'regular'. Heard on Saturday were:- 10am-Noon Tony Reeve; Noon-2pm John Freeman; 2pm-4pm Mark Wright; 4pm-6pm Tony Carr; 6pm-8pm Paul Rogers; 8pm-10pm close-down Pete Davies. On Sunday heard were:- 10am-Noon Tony Reeve; Noon-2pm John Freeman; 2pm-4pm Mark Wright; 4pm-5pm close-down Paul Rogers. Frequency in use this weekend was not confirmed.

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

Signal was down a bit this weekend, and modulation was not too good, with some distortion being noted. The station opened at 10am and have now started their new schedule, with Jim Browne, Mark Evans, Pete Murphy, Jeff Stone and Steve Tyler doing two hours each, and the station closing down at 8pm. News on Wednesday night was that last weekend's early sign-off was due to the transmitter packing up at 6:45pm.

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

The station opened up at 12:13pm, apologising for being a bit late and saying that only Roger Dee and Dave Wilson had turned up. After the opening double-act by these two, the programme seems to have settled down to become the Roger Dee Show, until 2pm, when Dave Wilson was due to take over. At 3:15pm they were both back on the air, until Roger Dee went to man the phone-box at 3:28pm. Between approximately 5pm and 6pm the station carried the John Mitchell Show, when Roger Dee again took over until 7:30pm close-down.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 94.8 MHz FM and 1197kHz AM. No announced mailing address.

The station signed-on at 6pm on Sunday, with an announced schedule of:- 6pm-8pm Bert Williams; 8pm-10pm Paul Jay and 10pm-Midnight close-down Bert Williams. The latter said that he had a cold, and would be playing continuous, uninterrupted music, but true to his normal style, he managed to fit a station identification between every two records or so. He took over from Paul Jay at 10pm, but the station had gone by 11pm, without the close-down time being noted. It was reported that Steve Bishop used the frequency last weekend, after Radio Merseywaves closed-down, and that he was back on it again at 9am on Monday morning, mainly playing a collection of old tapes.

FREE RADIO LIVERPOOL & RADIO VERONICA

Both these stations have been reported as using 186m last week, but neither of them were heard here.

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Paul Jay reported that Chester Community Radio, who operated in the vicinity of 103MHz, has closed-down for lack of support.