

The main news this week is the return of Storeton Community Radio. Listening time over the weekend has been limited, and the operation of most of the stations was intermittent on Sunday, so many details have probably been missed. Although none of the stations were heard to announce it, I suspect that Telecom were out again on Sunday, but some stations did undoubtedly have problems with their equipment.

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

This station are supposed to have taken on some new DJs, and to have increased their broadcasting hours. They were heard on Tuesday night with: 9pm-10pm Continuous music; 10pm-11pm Kevin Palmer; 11pm-Midnight Eric Monaghan; Midnight-12:45am "Mike"; then after two or three records, Tom Lodge closed the station down at 12:55am. The line-up for Wednesday was announced as: "Keith", Phil James; Tom Lodge and Andy Davies, but in the event, the station opened at 10pm, featured the first three DJs for one-hour each, then closed down at 1am. The station's mailing address is now the address for the Northern Branch of the Caroline Movement, which probably explains the large amount of off-shore station news featured in Eric Monaghan's show on Tuesday night. On the home front, they reported that the fine for operating a "pirate" station had been increased to £2000, but that the House of Lords had rejected the Government's Telecommunications Bill "on a technicality". The House of Lords apparently wanted to know who will finance the provisions of the Bill, when Telecom is "hived off" to private industry. ABC Radio are promising a Medium Wave service, in August, September or maybe October. The station are determined to get everything ready properly before coming on to the air. The personnel probably learned a valuable lesson from the East Coast Commercial Radio affair, and for the moment, they are being very mysterious about their future plans

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

This station finally made it back on the air on L43 9UU. Friday, with an S3½ signal and beautiful modulation. It was thought for a while that many of the programmes were being disrupted for "phone-ins" both by telephone and FM CB radio, but later announcements make it clear that SCR have re-arranged their schedule since they were last heard on a regular basis. The new schedule is quite long, and reads:-
Monday: 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-1pm Uncle Ern; 1pm-3pm Chris Sinclair; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-2am close-down Pablo Brad. Tuesday: 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-1pm Chris Sinclair; 1pm-3pm Uncle Ern; 3pm-5pm Sandie Babe; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-Midnight Paul Woods; Midnight-1am close-down Paul Woods and Keith the Chief joint programme. Wednesday 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-2pm Paul Woods; 2pm-4pm Chris Sinclair; 4pm-5pm Mad Mike; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-Midnight Chris Sinclair; Midnight-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods joint show; 1am-2am close-down Mad Mike. Thursday 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Sandie Babe; 1pm-3pm Chris Sinclair; 3pm-5pm Uncle Ern; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-Midnight Paul Woods; Midnight to 1am close-down Keith the Chief and Paul Woods. Friday 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-1pm Paul Woods; 1pm-3pm Chris Sinclair; 3pm-5pm Uncle Ern; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-Midnight John Sniff; Midnight - 1am close-down Keith the Chief and Paul Woods joint show. Saturday 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Uncle Ern; 1pm-3pm Sandie Babe and Little Di; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-Midnight Martin C; Midnight-1am close-down Keith the Chief and Paul Woods joint show. Sunday 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon Uncle Ern; Noon-3pm Sandie Babe and Little Di; 3pm-5pm Pablo Brad; 5pm-7pm Jill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian C; 11pm-Midnight Keith the Chief (on his own!!!!); Midnight-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods joint show; 1am-2am close-down Mad Mike.
 Not too long ago, I would never have wasted my time in printing the above schedule, but in the meantime, the station announcements have improved in reliability to the extent where I am convinced that that they will be met. In addition, SCR have unveiled their "secret weapon" in the form of Dave Collins, who can be relied upon to get the station on air at 8am every morning. On Sunday, around 3pm, the station went off the air three or four times, without explanation. During the reading of the station schedule, the 'mic' became very intermittent, and the station went off the air for 'repairs', but I am not all that convinced that this was the reason for the afternoon interruptions.

CHANNEL FIVE 1242kHz: 23, Rice Hey Road, Egremont, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 0DX.

Note the new mailing address for this station, announced for the first time this weekend!. The station was already on the air by 10:01am on Saturday morning, and seemed to have fulfilled their normal schedule. However, I am informed that they were not

still on the air by 2am on Sunday. The Sunday schedule seems to have been maintained, except that the Gary Smith and Pete Williams shows were reversed, and that the station disappeared from the air suddenly at about 1:30pm, only to re-appear later without explanation of their break in transmission. Pete Williams announced that Matt Black had not been seen at the station for the past two or three weeks, but this is not borne out by my own listening experience.

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

This station have had problems over the weekend, but the exact nature and schedule were not noted. On Saturday, the station had not signed-on by either 10am or 11am, but were first heard at 11:33am. The Tony Reeve show ended at Noon, and during the following John Freeman Show, the former was thanked for the previous two hours! As the day wore on, it was apparent that Paul Rogers was suffering from a dose of 'flu. It was thought that apart from the late sign-on, the normal schedule would be adhered to, with the Pete Davies Show being brought forward to 6pm-8pm to cover for the loss of the Paul Rogers show. In the event, the station had gone from the air by 7:50pm. They opened up at 10am on Sunday, and seem to have followed their normal schedule, except for the period between 3pm and 4pm, when they 'disappeared'. During the Paul Rogers Show, between 4pm and 5pm close-down, much information was given on the off-shore pirate scene, obviously gained from ABC, and on the Birmingham scene, from information supplied by Morris Walker, who rang them last week. The close-down announcement was missed, so the break in transmission between 3pm and 4pm (times approximate) is still unexplained.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL 1242kHz: 78 Brunswick Court, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 6LW.

The carrier was heard from 11:43am on Sunday. After a couple of records, both Roger Dee and Dave Wilson were heard with "on-air" repairs. The former then announced that the transmitter was being tested, and that the station would open with its regular schedule at noon. Some time later, the Roger Dee Show seemed to be in progress, but by 3pm the station was having more difficulties. Both Roger Dee and Dave Wilson were back on the air again with "live" repairs, and it was announced that the Dave Wilson Show would start shortly. Whenever this station was heard after this, Roger Dee seemed to be the DJ, until 6:27pm, when John Mitchell was heard. Later they seemed to be playing continuous music until close-down at 9:09pm.

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

This station opened up at 6pm on Sunday with the normal Bert Williams/Paul Jay/Bert Williams line-up: each DJ doing 2 hours apiece with midnight close-down. Format is mainly "Golden Oldies".

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

On Saturday, an S3 carrier was noted on 1384kHz at 4pm. The carrier remained unmodulated till 4:20pm at least. Later, Central Radio were on air, but the signal was down to S1 and the frequency was 1386kHz. While listening to Central Radio, and at approximately 6pm, the S-meter reading shot up to S3, and CRI disappeared under a very nasty heterodyne. Further investigation on a communications receiver showed that there were two stations. Central Radio were measured on 1386¹/₂kHz, while the other station carrying an unmodulated carrier was on 1383¹/₂kHz. The strength and direction of the latter signal suggested that it was Radio Free Liverpool/Radio Free Wirral, who have appeared on a few different frequencies in the past. When the carrier was modulated, the station was announcing "a test broadcast in preparation for the come-back of Radio Jackie North. We are on 1384kHz now, but will be back on 1386kHz by the weekend" On the portable, all that could be heard was this station, with a very severe "het" from Central Radio, but 250yards away, in the local park, the stations were separated on the ferrite rod without any problem.

Central Radio appear to have closed down at 8:18pm. RJN were still on the air, but with unmodulated carrier only, at 9:48pm, but had gone when checked later. Central Radio themselves signed on at 10am on Sunday, and operated their normal schedule with Jim Browne, Mark Evans and Jeff Stone doing 2 hours each (apologies to Pete Murphy, who I missed). However, at 6pm, when the Steve Tyler Show signed-on, RJN(?) came back on the air and again blotted out Central Radio. The "het" is too severe for the latter to be listened to in comfort, so close-down time was not noted. I suppose that this section should really have been separated into two halves, but this is difficult to do, as both broadcasts are interwound. On Sunday, possibly as a result of this weekend's QRM, Central Radio have announced that they will be moving to 225m, but no date was given.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO A correction to last week's information, the frequency (?) for this station will be 242m, although I am not sure what crystal the station will be using.