

Storeton Community Radio's Listener's Night-out on Wednesday was a huge success and I feel that even the station themselves were surprised at the number of people who turned up. The service at the bar was initially very slow, with one barmaid struggling to do everything at once, but when the manager realised just how many people had turned up, he got on the telephone to bring in some extra help. In addition to the usual turn-tables and flashing lights, the crew had rigged up a TV set which featured micro-processor displays advertising the station details, and the screen was also used at times to show video films featuring disco music. The station presenters took turns to run the disco, and in between them, the crew managed to fit in a number of suggestive 'party games'. This was the first night-out that SCR have presented, and all the crew are to be congratulated for the work they did in making sure that the listeners were properly entertained. Let's hope that the next one will not be too far away, and that even more people can attend.

Lots of things have been, or will be, happening on the stations themselves.

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

The station were noted on Tuesday with continuous music between 9pm and 10pm, followed by Eric Monaghan and Benny James. At midnight they announced that "Mike" would not be on the air, and Tom Lodge took over. However, at 12:30am, "Mike" was on the air until 1:30am, when Tom Lodge came back to close the station down. They were not heard on Wednesday night, mainly due to the SCR night-out. However, listening for them after 11:50pm failed to produce any results. Eric Monaghan says that they were on the air, but that they closed down early.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 74, Big Meadow Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead,

This station has operated all week, except for a Merseyside L49 9AQ
7pm close down on Wednesday night, with a bit of a revised schedule. In spite of the night-out, Dave Collins had the station on the air by 8am on Thursday. Sandie Babe has a new job, and made her last appearance on the air on Sunday. Chris and Gill Sinclair have also found jobs, and their hours have been cut and re-shuffled to suit. On Friday, Keith the Chief said that the need to change location often left some of the DJs with transport problems, but from Monday 16th April, they would be operating the following schedule:-

MONDAY 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-1pm Uncle Ern; 1pm-3pm Stevie Sounds; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Gill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-2:30am Pablo Brad. TUESDAY 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-1pm Stevie Sounds; 1pm-3pm Uncle Ern; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Gill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm Dave Jones; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-12pm Alan Ross; 12pm-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods; 1am-2am Stevie Sounds. WEDNESDAY 8pm-11pm Dave Collins; 11am-2pm Stevie Sounds; 2pm-4pm Paul Woods; 4pm-5pm Mad Mike; 5pm-7pm Gill Sinclair; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-12pm Alan Ross; 12pm-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods; 1am-2am Mad Mike. THURSDAY 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Stevie Sounds; 1pm-3pm Mad Mike; 3pm-5pm Uncle Ern; 5pm-7pm Edward Bear; 7pm-9pm Dave Jones; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-12pm Paul Woods; 12pm-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods; 1am-2am Stevie Sounds. FRIDAY 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Stevie Sounds; 1pm-3pm Paul Woods; 3pm-5pm Uncle Ern; 5pm-7pm Edward Bear; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-12pm Chris Sinclair; 12pm-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods; 1am-2am DJ to be decided. SATURDAY 8am-11am Stevie Sounds; 11am-1pm Uncle Ern; 1pm-3pm Little DI; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Phil Davies; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-12pm Phil Davies; 12pm-1am Keith the Chief and Paul Woods; 1am-4am Phil Davies. SUNDAY 8am-10am Phil Davies; 10am-12am Stevie Sounds; 12am-1pm Chris Sinclair; 1pm-3pm Little DI; 3pm-5pm Pablo Brad; 5pm-7pm Phil Davies; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-10pm Brian "C"; 10pm-12pm Keith the Chief; 12pm-1am Mad Mike; 1am-2am Stevie Sounds.

My thanks to Keith the Chief for putting out this information at dictation speed at the time promised. The hours that this station broadcasts makes it reasonably certain that it will be heard at long distances. If you write to them, or any of the other Merseyside stations, please include an SAE if you want a reply. Also, you should address your letter to one of the DJs. Envelopes bearing the station's name or initials will be confiscated by the GPO.

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

This station was putting out a superb "test signal" at 6:50pm on Friday, but they closed-down at 7pm. Later announcements say that they had erected a new antenna, and had been taking telephoned reception reports and requests. They opened at 10am on the dot on Saturday but operated 10am-12am Tony Reeve; 12am-2pm John Freeman; 2pm-4pm Mark Wright; 4pm-6pm continuous music; 6pm-9pm close-down Paul Rogers. On Sunday, most of the DJs were announcing new hours from next weekend, but an exact schedule was not determined.

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On Sunday, they signed-on at 10am on the dot, but the broadcast suffered quite a few breaks until 2pm. Later, Paul Rogers said that the new antenna had come down. The schedule was the normal Tony Reeve/John Freeman/Mark Wright/Paul Rogers line-up, but with breaks. The station attempted a phone-in, but this gave rise to further problems for them. The station are now selling Radio Eleanor tee-shirts. If you want one, write to the mailing address, stating the size of the shirt, and enclosing a BLANK postal order for £4:50p. They will be on the air on Saturday, Sunday and Monday next weekend, but the schedule was not announced. Barry Cullen will be back with the station for a period of about five weeks

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

The split in this station's personnel seems to have been re-shuffled once again. Steve Tyler has left Central Radio for Radio Atlantis, while Mark Evans has left Radio Atlantis for Central Radio. On Sunday, Central Radio's schedule was:- 10am-12am Jim Browne; 12am-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Jeff Stone; 4pm-6pm Ken Woolfe; 6pm-8pm close-down Pete Murphy. Starting Monday 16th April, this station will be changing to six days per week operation, Bootle Community Radio taking over on Saturdays. The mid-week schedule is announced as:- 10am-12am Jeff Stone; 12am-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Jim Browne; and the 4pm-6pm slot is still undecided. The station is advertising vacancies for new DJs. Jim Browne is announcing that the station will be moving to 225m (1332kHz) very shortly.

BOOTLE COMMUNITY RADIO 1386kHz; 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

Note the change of mailing address for this station. They were heard on Saturday from noon, with Jeff Stone, Mark Evans and Jim Browne. The schedule was not determined and the station appears to have closed down at least one hour before the announced 6pm.

RADIO ATLANTIS 1242kHz; 23, Lambeth Walk, Liverpool, L4 1UU.

This station was heard on Tuesday from noon, and announcing its schedule as:- Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Steve Bishop; 4pm-6pm Rick Dane and 6pm-8pm Steve Tyler. Mark Evans was heard for a while, but when checked at 1:20pm, the signal was jammed by a very strong carrier, believed to come from Channel 5, the weekend users of the frequency. The carrier was gone shortly after, and I was able to hear both the Steve Bishop and Rick Dane shows, although the signal was extremely weak, and didn't move the S-meter from the end stop. On Wednesday, Radio Atlantis reported that someone had been jamming them all day Tuesday, but that on Wednesday they had Tx problems and were only on the air for a short while. The station were not heard between 6pm and 8pm on any night, so it isn't known whether they are closing down at 6pm as originally planned. On Sunday, Mark Evans said on Central Radio that Radio Atlantis are to change both their name and frequency. Details were not given, but 317m was mentioned as a possibility. He said that the DJs would be Rick Dane, Steve Bishop, Steve Tyler and "two guys who wouldn't give their names". The station will have a 'heavy rock' format, and the DJs will not be allowed to play the type of music of their choice. Not fancying the thought of playing heavy rock music for two hours each day, he left them, and denied "slagging" them on Bootle Community Radio on Saturday. At SCR's night-out, Rick Dane told me that he was hoping to get Jackie North back on the air, on both 217m and 317m, within the next two or three weeks, so maybe this is the new name for Radio Atlantis.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL 1413kHz; 61, Sandhurst Street, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 7BU

Note the new mailing address for this one also, which was first announced on Sunday. The station was not heard until 2:15pm in spite of regular checks. They probably started at 2pm, when the signal strength was down to S1, but the modulation was much improved over recent weeks. Roger Dee said that the station had had "technical problems", but later on he mentioned sabotage. It was also announced that Mike Ross had left the station, and that his tape had not been put out because it was "naughty". The station staff are now being announced as Roger Dee, Dave Wilson, John Mitchell and Ray Rockford (maybe). Heard on Sunday were:- 2pm-4pm Roger Dee; 4pm-6pm Dave Wilson; 6pm Roger Dee again. The station was not found at a 6:45pm check, so they must have closed-down early.

CHANNEL FIVE 1242kHz; 23, Rice Hey Road, Egremont, Wallasey, Merseyside L41 0DX.

The station signed on about ½ hour late on Saturday, blaming "technical problems". On both Saturday and Sunday they operated their Pete Williams/Steve West/Dave Graham/Frank Xerox/Frank Xerox-Pete Williams/Steve West line up. For most of Saturday afternoon the station had a weak carrier over it, which presumably was retaliation for Tuesdays activities by Channel 5, if indeed it was them sitting on top of Radio Atlantis. By 6pm the carrier had become a bit of a nuisance, but it had gone from the air by 7pm or so.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 94.8 MHz FM and 1197kHz AM; 23, Birnham Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L41 9AY.

This station signed-on at 6pm on Sunday, after half an hour or warm-up with continuous music. Both frequencies were in use again this weekend, but Bert Williams said that he still hasn't recovered from his recent illness, and would not be doing much speaking. Schedule for Sunday seems to be:- 6pm-8:30pm Bert Williams; 8:30pm-11:30pm Paul Jay; 11:30pm-Midnight Bert Williams. The latter said that he had traced the "test" tone on 1530kHz to an IBA transmitter installed at the top of Church Street, in the Woodside area of Birkenhead. It is reported that this transmitter will relay Radio City for the duration of the forthcoming International Garden Festival. Speculation is that this relay will be retained by Radio City after the festival finishes. Jim Browne says that he heard the test tones and rang Radio City to find out what is going on, but they denied all knowledge of the matter.

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