

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 27th May 1984

Storeton Community Radio "Under-18s" night-out on Monday was a huge success. By 8:15pm, well over 500 youngsters had packed themselves into Ma Baker's Club. In addition to the disco, computer graphic display, videos and demonstration of "body poppin'" by the Eastwood Rockers, the station persuaded a local soft-drinks company to "promote" a new line of drinks at the meeting, arranged with a local taxi firm for the youngsters to get home safely at cheap rates, and organised a photographer to take photos of people with their favourite DJ or DJs. The station have no objection to photographs being taken, and the photographer was there for the benefit of those without cameras, but photos were 50p each. Hamburgers and chips, etc were also available during the evening, but I understand that these were at "night-club" prices. Letters to the station through the week all say "it was the best disco that we have ever attended". On Tuesday evening the station announced that the night-out had raised £200 for the Arrowe Park Hospital, Sick Children's Holiday Fund. A lot of thought and a lot of hard work went into the preparation of this night-out, and the whole SCR crew are to be congratulated for ensuring its success. The next planned night-out is that of Radio Elenore, which will take place at the Bradford Hotel, Tithebarn Street (corner of Pall Mall), Liverpool at 8pm on 6th July. The venue is just round the corner from Moorfields Station and within easy reach of all bus services, so do make the effort to attend.

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

This station has not been heard at all this week, and in Paul Rogers' free radio news programme on Sunday night, he said that he was not sure whether it was still a going concern

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 94.8MHz FM & 1197kHz AM: 23, Birnam Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 9AY.

There is not a lot that one can say about this station. There schedule has settled down to the Bert Williams/Paul Jay/Bert Williams line up, with Paul doing 8:30pm-11:30pm, with Bert filling the remainder of the 6pm-Midnight schedule. The signal remains excellent since the station increased power, but it was announced on Sunday that within the next few weeks the power would be increased once more, and that the station would be moving to a better location. Overall, they expected a 6 to 8-fold increase in signal at most areas.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1332kHz AM; 27, Rushmere Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2XP.

This station were due back on the air on Saturday, but have not been heard all weekend. Probably the new mode of modulation for the transmitter has not proved too easy to install. Hope that it will not be too long before they are back in action again.

RADIO ELENORE 1179kHz AM: 16, Stockbridge Street, Anfield, Liverpool L5 6PB.

A communication from the station which was received this week, shows that I have been spelling the name incorrectly for quite some time now. My apologies to those concerned, and the necessary correction is made from this issue. I haven't yet got used to the idea of them operating on Friday night, so I missed this week's programmes once again. The line up was presumably the same as last week. The Saturday schedule was the same as usual, except that Paul Rogers stood-in for Tony Reeve again between 11am and 1pm. He was also on the air from 7pm to 10pm, when Pete Davies took over, but it isn't known who did the final hour between midnight and 1am. The Sunday schedule was as normal, but the station developed a problem, and was off the air between 2pm and 2:45pm. It returned with the Theme tune played repeatedly until normal service resumed at 3pm with the start of the John Freeman Show. Later, Paul Rogers said that they had lost the "link" to the transmitter for a while. They plan to be on the air on Bank Holiday Monday with their normal Saturday schedule

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 1UU.

This station have not been heard at all on FM again this week, and the AM broadcasts have showed a number of changes to previous schedules. Through the week, they seem to have operated their announced schedule, but on Wednesday night the signal was so weak that it was barely heard, even with new batteries in the radio. All was back to normal by Thursday. The signal during the day and early evening is very good, but by late evening interference from the continent has become a nuisance, and after darkness in Germany has arrived, reception on 936kHz can be a bit grim, with the continental station stronger than Atlantis, but subject to cyclic fading. So far as I am aware, the station is still announcing noon to 9pm for its weekday schedule, but 9am-Midnight at the weekends. On Saturday, the schedule was:- 9am-Noon Steve Bishop; Noon to 3pm Steve Tyler; 3pm -

6pm Rick Dane; 6pm-9pm Steve Bishop. The station was not heard after 8:15pm as it was not realised that the schedule had been extended to midnight. On Sunday, the schedule was:- 9am-11am Steve Bishop; 11am-1pm Neil Frazer; 1pm-4pm Steve Tyler; 4pm-7pm Rick Dane; 7pm-9pm Steve Bishop; 9pm-10pm Rick Dane (Steve Bishop in phone box taking calls); 10pm Steve Bishop. Rick Dane announced that Steve would be on the air from 10pm-11pm, but in the event, he was still on the air at 11:45pm, and announcing a 3am close-down.

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

This station closed down at 7pm on Monday night, in Merseyside L49 9AQ. order to get the whole crew down to Ma Baker's for the "Under 18s" night out. They were due on the air at midnight, but failed to appear "due to technical problems". Dependable Dave Collins has been on holiday this week, and the early-morning shift seems to have been taken over by Stevie Sounds and John Sniff on various days. There also appears to have been some re-shuffling of hours, but the extent has not been noted. From next week, Allan Ross and Dave Jones are to exchange their hours, at least on a Tuesday. On Wednesday, John Sniff was heard replacing Chris Sinclair at 11pm, and on Friday, Dave Collins did 3pm-5pm, replacing John Sniff, with John Sniff doing 5pm-7pm and replacing Edward Bear. On Saturday, Stevie Sounds did the full 8am-1pm slot, replacing Uncle Ern from 11am-1pm. After this, the station maintained schedule until Midnight, when Keith the Chief was "solo" instead of doing a joint show with Paul Woods. Changes to schedule on Sunday have been 1pm-2pm a Sandie Babe/Wayne Scott joint show and 2pm-3pm a Little Di/Sandie Babe joint show. Chris Sinclair was not heard, but it was nice to hear Sandie Babe again, even though it is only a short while till she is due back in hospital again for an operation.

STATION "M" INTERNATIONAL 90.2MHz & 1413kHz: 78, Brunswick Court, Birkenhead, Merseyside

This station has not been heard either on FM or AM this weekend, L41 6LW. and is possibly now defunct, or at least dormant.

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

Another apparently trouble-free week for this station, which signed-on on both Saturday and Sunday at Noon. Between Noon and 6pm on each day, Pete Williams did a 3-hour show until 3pm, followed by Steve West until 6pm. On Saturday between 6pm and 8pm they featured the Bruce? Show. This often had five-in-a-row records with a DJ sounding remarkably like Nick Catford! From 8pm to 3am they featured their normal 8pm-10pm Dave Graham; 10pm-Midnight Frank Xerox; Midnight-1am Frank Xerox/Pete Williams; 1am-3am Steve West format. The line-up was the same on Sunday, except that Dave Ernst, a new DJ was heard from 6pm-7pm, followed by Dick Turk between 7pm and 8:30pm, with Dave Graham doing a shorter show until 10pm.

~~~~~

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th May 1984

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO appear to have run their normal Monday schedule, except for Uncle Ern standing-in for the start of the Stevie Sounds show, as the latter was late in arriving. Later, probably between 11pm and Midnight, Chris Sinclair is due to appear, presumably leaving Pablo Brad to continue to 2:30am.

RADIO ATLANTIS have come up with a few changes. Heard so far have been:- 9am-Noon Phil Clarke, a new voice; Noon-3pm Steve Bishop; 3pm-6pm Rick Dane; 6pm-10pm Steve Tyler. Earlier, Rick Dane announced that he would be back on the air at 10pm, but in the event, it was Steve Bishop who was heard at this time. He was announcing that Phil Clarke would be doing these hours through the week. The close-down time of the station was not noted.

RADIO ELENORE intended to operate from 10am to 1am, but seem to have had a few problems.

They opened at 10:30am, and operated for a while with a very intermittent mic. The schedule was as for Saturday, with Paul Rogers again standing-in for Tony Reeve. Barry Cullen's show was another very good outside broadcast, but towards the end the "link" with the studio was lost and the programme was run from the studio. Paul Rogers was on the air at 7pm, announcing that he would be on until 10pm, but when checked at 10:05pm, the station had gone from the air, and was not subsequently heard.

The above three stations were the only ones to be heard on Monday, but in acknowledging the results of their phone-in, Paul Rogers was heard to say that certain requests would be played "tomorrow". Possibly the station have decided to extend hours, and that I have missed an announcement somewhere along the line!!