MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 29th July 1984

Central Radio International returned to the airwaves this weekend and are announcing a Listener's night-out to be held on 29th August. Other announcements suggest that details have not yet been finalised, so these have been held over. In the meantime, Storeton Community Radio's "l4s to 18s" night out will be held between 8pm and midnight at MA BAKERS, Conway Street, Birkenhead on Monday 30th July. It will feature all the usual entertainments, free draw tickets and photographer.

The station continue to be heard before 7am, so seem to be general—side L45 8HX. ly opening at the announced 6am. They closed—down at 7pm on Monday night to allow the DJs to attend the Under 14s night out, but have still been on the air at midnight when checked on other nights. The schedule continues to sound a little variable due to holidays and to non-availability of DJs. Either Tuesday or Wednesday seemed to be "ladies night" with Chris Sinclair on—air from 7pm—llpm and Sandie Babie from llpm to midnight. Little Di is back, and apart from the replacement of Phil Davies, the Sunday schedule seems to be back to previous. Phil's place seems to have been taken over by Paul Woods.

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

This station is now heard on Sundays only, with sign-on at noon. Heard this weekend were: Stuart Davies(?)/Pete Williams/Dave Ernst/Steve West/Dick Turk/Dave Graham and Frank Xerox. The DJs did 1½ hours each and the station appears to have closed down at about 10:30pm, as they were not found at later checks.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1179kHz & 94.8MHz: 23, Birnam Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 9AY.

This station opened at 6pm on Sunday with nice signals on both frequencies. The announced schedule is:- 6pm-8pm Bert Williams; 8pm-8:30pm Tania Cannon; 8:30pm-9pm Bert Williams; 9pm-11pm Paul Jay; 11pm to close-down at 11:20pm to 11:30pm Bert Williams. From next weekend, Tania is to be given a longer slot.

This station appear to have opened at llam on Friday, as promised, but were not noted until shortly after 2pm. They closed down at midnight, but the schedule was not noted. On Saturday and Sunday the schedule seems to have been as over the previous few weeks, except that the new YL DJ, Cathy Cornell, was not heard, with Paul Rogers filling-in from 7pm to midnight close-down on Saturday. The FM transmission has not been heard, and the free radio news section is still "dropped" in favour of phone-in requests and dedications.

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside IA5 lJW.

From announcements heard this weekend, it seems that the station schedule is 9am(or so) to 9pm on weekdays and Saturdays, and llam to Midnight on Sundays. This weekend the station closed down at 6pm on Saturday, to "carry out essential maintenance on the transmitter"

They also seem to have closed down shortly after 9pm on Sunday. The FM frequency has only been heard on Sunday evening, during the Tony Hayes Show, but this was the only time that it was announced. The latter DJ seems to have taken the place of Roy Stannier, who has not

been heard.

The station were not noted until 10am on Saturday although I understand that they had been on the air since midnight on Friday. They intend to operate 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday. At the weekends they should re-open at midnight and run through to 9pm on Saturday. They then intend to re-open at midnight Saturday and run through to 9pm on Sunday. This weekend the station seem to have had a few problems. Signal was S2 during the Jeff Stone show, but during the Mark Evans Show, speech was loud but distorted and music was hardly heard. As the day wore on, the music got weaker and weaker, until by 5pm speech only was being heard. Close-down time was not noted, but the station was back on the air again by midnight, with a good signal. Heard were: Phil Davies/Sonny King(a new DJ) and Mark Evans. The problems seem to have continued into Sunday, when there were a few nasty gaps between records. The schedule was dispupted by the non-appearance of Ian Phillips at announced times and while Phil Davies said that he would probably be on the air all night, the station was not found at 10pm check.