

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

\*Week ending Sunday 14th October 1984

The main news this week is that some of the stations which have been off the air for the past few weeks have now returned, but others still remain unheard.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8EX

This station are back on the air again this week but were not noted until 12:45pm on Saturday, with a disrupted schedule. Uncle Ern was on the air from 11am to 3pm, followed by Paul Woods and Alan Ross. The later schedule was not noted, but the station may have left the air at 7pm to allow the DJs to attend the SCR Under-18s disco. On Sunday the schedule was almost back to normal, and heard have been Wayne Scott, Little Di, Sandie Babe, Paul James (standing in for Pablo Brad) and Keith the Chief, from 10pm to midnight. This is by no means the complete schedule, just a list of presenters noted.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1386kHz: 32, Bankburn Road, Old Swan, Liverpool L13 8BL

Please note the new mailing address for this station. On Saturday all the DJs with the exception of Phil Davies (4pm to 6pm) did 1½ hours each with close-down at 6pm to allow them to get to the CRI night-out. The complete schedule was not noted, but heard were Dave Smith, Jim Browne, Jeff Stone, Ian Phillips and Phil Davies. I suspect that the night-out may also have caused some re-scheduling of programmes before 11am on Sunday.

RADIO ATLANTIS 102.7MHz

This is another station which has re-appeared on the air after a short break, and it was nice to hear Steve Tyler back on the air. The station opened up at noon, but the first DJ, Tony Owen, was not heard. Steve Tyler was on the air from 1pm to 4pm and the following DJ, although heard, did not give any name. Recently, around 7pm or so, the station has featured extracts from tapes of off-shore or Irish stations, which make a welcome change to the material from the other stations. Atlantis seem to be another station with a Laser 558 format of "more music" and little speech. Although there are plenty of IDs and jingles, no mailing address has been heard.

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO 819kHz: PO Box No.9, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside.

This station appear to be operating their announced 7am-7pm schedule, but daytime-only operations make things difficult to check. John Dwyer opens up the day's programming, and Rick Dane closes things down. The Saturday schedule has not been determined, but heard on Sunday were John Dwyer/Rick Dane/John Dwyer. The station continues to use a true Laser 558 format with almost continuous music, interspersed with station IDs and jingles, but little speech. Adverts still remain unheard in spite of a good signal and prolonged "test transmissions" prior to 1st October.

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

This station continues to put out programmes in two halves. They opened at noon on Sunday with programming only on MW, and a strong but un-modulated carrier on FM. The FM carrier had disappeared a short time afterwards and was not noted again until 6pm. In the meantime, 1179kHz carried John Freeman noon to 2pm; ~~Colin Sayer~~ (ex-Elenore) 2pm to 4pm and John Freeman 4pm to 6pm. From 6pm the station operated on both AM and FM with Tina Christian from 6pm to 7pm, followed by Bert Williams with continuous music and somewhat intermittent operation. Bert explained that "adjustments" were still being made, in spite of weekday "tests". Paul Jay has not been heard this weekend, and Tina Christian was back on the air at 11:30pm, presumably doing the 11pm-Midnight slot. Tony Reeve has not been heard this weekend, but John Freeman is announcing another new (ex Elenore) will be starting with RMW next week, so another schedule re-shuffle seems to be on the cards.

CHANNEL FIVE & RADIO COMMODORE

Neither of these stations have been heard this week.

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