

The good news this week is that Radio Merseywaves have returned to the airwaves after the recent raid by the DTI and that a signal believed come from Merseyland Alternative Radio has been heard at various times. Unfortunately there is still no sign of Central Radio International although they were hoping to be back on the air again by now. Storeton Community Radio's next "Under 18s" night-out will take place at Moreton Youth Centre from 8pm-11pm on Saturday 8th December. Sandie Babe's disco every Tuesday night at the same venue has been re-instated. Radio Nova, the Irish-based pirate station have opened a small office in Suite 411, Coopers Building, Church Street, Liverpool. Currently there are no stickers, etc available, and the office seems mainly concerned with forwarding orders for stickers, key-rings, tee shirts, etc on to the Nova HQ.

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

The station has been heard every day, but still seem to be having L49 8HX. a few problems with equipment and "missing" DJs. On Wednesday night Keith the Chief broadcast the full schedule for the station but I was not in any position either to tape it or to write it down. They are announcing 24-hour operation from Monday to Friday, and about 22-hour operation on Saturday and Sunday. Heard Monday were:- 5pm-7pm Allan Ross; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; Tuesday 5pm-7pm Andy Sloan; 7pm-9pm Joe Williams; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-Midnight Wayne Scott; Midnight-1am Keith the Chief & Andy Sloan; Wednesday 5pm-7pm John Sniff; 7pm-10pm Mike Martin; 10pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-Midnight Allan Ross; Midnight-5am(?) Andy Sloan: On Thursday the station were not on the air when I got home from work but had re-appeared by 7:40pm, when Allan Ross said that they had been off the air for most of the day due to a visit by "Ron and Gordon" (ex-Telecom officials). Allan was standing in for Dave Jones who is ill. Heard were 7:40pm-9pm Allan Ross; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-Midnight Allan Ross; Midnight- (?) Keith the Chief and Andy Sloan. Friday 6:30pm-7pm 7pm-9pm Little Di; 9pm-11pm Martin "C"; 11pm-Midnight John Sniff; Saturday 11am-1pm Uncle Ern; 1pm-3pm Little Di; 3pm-5pm Joe Williams; 5pm-?? Allan Ross. Around 5:30pm Allan put out an appeal for Martin "C" or KtC to get round to the studio as there were serious problems. He closed the station down at 5:35pm, but it was back again by 6pm. Approaching 7pm Allan said it looked as though he would have to carry on, as no-one else had turned up. He was still on the air at 9pm, but at 9:04pm he was reporting problems with the mic and played continuous album music until things could be sorted out. At 12:50am KtC was on the air. Sunday: ??-11am KtC (the end of a marathon broadcast?); 11am-Midday Wayne Scott; Midday-1pm Little Di; 1pm-2pm Little Di & Sandie Babe; 2pm-3pm Sandie Babe; 3pm-5pm Pablo Brad; 5pm-7pm Uncle Ern; 7pm-10pm Allan Ross; 10pm-1am(?) KtC. The rest of the announced schedule was:- 1pm-3pm Mad Mike; 3pm-5pm Mike Martin; 5pm-7pm Joe Williams. Latest announcements by Uncle Ern say that the station theme tune, played on the hour every hour has been changed from "Riders in the Sky" by The Shadows to "Apache" by the same group.

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO (??) 819kHz

On Thursday a strong signal was heard on 819kHz. It was playing continuous music and closed-down at 6pm without announcement. Continuous music, again without announcements, was heard on Friday afternoon from about 3:30pm. The signal had gone from the air by 5:20pm, but close-down time was not noted (thought to be 5pm). On Saturday an unmodulated carrier was noted on the frequency from 11:52am. It appeared to remain unmodulated all day until late evening, but close-down time was not noted. This carrier was noted again on Sunday from 11am and remained unmodulated. It was still on the air at 5:45pm, but had gone by 7pm. M.A.R. were reported to be due back on the air a couple of weeks ago, so this signal is possibly their pre-opening test transmissions.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1179kHz

A strong carrier was heard on 1179kHz from about 11:40am on Saturday. It was still on the air by 12:40pm, but had disappeared by 1:48pm and was not subsequently noted. From 12:30pm on Sunday the frequency was carrying continuous music, but at 1pm Burt Williams made an announcement that Radio Merseywaves were back after the raid on the station which took place at 12:57pm on Sunday 11th November during John Freeman's show. The station lost its MW transmitter and a lot of other equipment (including John's whole record collection) The station operated part "live" with Burt Williams and Paul Jay, part with old RFW tapes and part continuous music. They were on the air until late evening, but had gone by 11:40pm The station say that they will shortly be operating on Saturdays and Sundays with Paul Anderson as Burt's partner

LATEST MAR returned to airwaves at 7am on Monday 3rd December on 819kHz