

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 9th December 1984

It has been another bad week for the local stations. Merseyland Alternative Radio's comeback was short-lived and Storeton Community Radio were again raided by the DTI on Thursday afternoon. Radio Merseywaves were not heard this weekend, but were possibly lying-low after the raid on SCR. Central Radio International returned to the air, but with equipment problems and unaware of the raid on SCR.

MERSEYLAND ALTERNATIVE RADIO 819kHz: No announced mailing address.

The station returned to the air on Monday morning with a new DJ, DAVE, and carrying a few adverts. Presumably the schedule was 7am-7pm as previously, and the DJs were announcing first names only. Heard were:-- 7am(?) - 10am Dave; 10am-1pm John; 1pm-4pm Dave; 4pm-7pm Rick. The station was not on the air on Tuesday. The schedule for Wednesday was not determined, but John was on-air when first noted at 11:05am. He was still there at 1:20pm. Around 5pm Rick was on air asking John to call at the studio urgently. When checked at 6:40pm the station had gone from the air and has not since been heard.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1403kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6JP

A very weak, distorted signal was noted on 1403kHz at approximately 12:15pm. The signal was very intermittent with a lot of apparent "on-air" adjustments. By 12:35pm they were playing tapes of the raids on the Irish stations which took place on 18th/19th May '83. The station eventually announced itself as CRI, saying that they were unable to use the mic, and giving Glynne Street as their new temporary address. They continued until 4pm with continuous music and tapes of old CRI programmes. News from the station is that they were on the air on Saturday night from about 5pm, but around 7pm the main amp blew-up. On Sunday they were on the air from about 10:30am, but the planned programmes had to be abandoned when the mic started to give trouble. It is promised that the amp will be repaired by next weekend and that the station will be putting out a better signal from a new location. They were unaware of the raid on SCR, although the latter have put out many messages asking Phil Davies to contact them

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

The station still seem to be having problems with "missing" DJs, but I side L49 8HX understand that there is good reason for this and both Keith the Chief and John Sniff have turned up late because they couldn't get past the station security arrangements! A determined effort was made to establish the schedule this week, and heard were:--
MONDAY: 7am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Uncle Ern; 1pm-3pm Stevie Sounds; 3pm-5pm Edward Bear; 5pm-7pm Paul James; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Brian "C"; 11pm-Midnight Brian "C" standing in for Joe Williams; Midnight-1am Andy Sloan and KtC, who announced 1pm-5pm Mike Martin; 5pm-7pm Joe Williams; TUESDAY 7am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Paul James; 1pm-3pm Uncle Ern; 3pm-5pm John Sniff; 5pm-7pm Andy Sloan; 7pm-9pm Joe Williams (said he had missed his early morning show due to the firm's night-out on Monday); 9pm-11pm Brian "C" (appealing for someone to turn up and take over at 11pm as he was unable to stay); 11pm -Midnight Sandie Babe (standing in for Wayne Scott); Midnight-1am KtC and Andy Sloan (announcing 1am-5am Stevie Sounds); WEDNESDAY 7am(?) - 11am Dave Collins (appealing for someone to turn up and take over from him); 11am-1pm Continuous music until Dave Collins got back to the studio; 1pm-3pm Uncle Ern; 3pm-5pm DJ not noted; 5pm-7pm Sandie Babe; 7pm-9pm Mike Martin; 9pm-11pm Dave Jones (standing in for Brian "C"); 11pm-Midnight Sandie Babe; Midnight-(?) KtC and Andy Sloan. The rest of the schedule wasn't noted; THURSDAY 7am-11am Dave Collin; 11am-1pm Dave Collins (standing in for Stevie Sounds); 1pm-3pm Uncle Ern. Shortly before 3pm Uncle Ern was appealing for someone to turn up and take over, but the station was raided by the DTI a few minutes later while he was still on the air. The station say that they lost all their broadcasting equipment, decks, etc. They were hoping to be back on the air again on Saturday to assure listener's that the night-out would still take place that night, but they were not heard. On Sunday a strong carrier was noted on 1026kHz for most of the morning and afternoon, but the carrier remained unmodulated and close-down time was not noted.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES

This station have not been on the air this weekend. SCR have been trying to contact Mark Wright, so news of the raid on SCR has probably got through to them.

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