MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 13th January 1985

The good news this week is that Storeton Community Radio have returned to the airwaves. The bad news is that Central Radio International's signal remains poor and barely heard.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1242kHz: 18, Mallard Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SL

This station extended their hours last weekend. They didn't close down at midnight on Sunday and were still on the air at 7:30am on Monday. Listening time on Monday was limited to short spot-checks plus half an hour at lunchtime. The station appear to have been playing taped continuous music with a few station IDs. From teatime the programming was "live" but only Paul Henderson and Martin Miller were heard, with these two still being on the air till after midnight. They were not on the air on Tuesday morning and have not been heard again until Sunday, when they signed on slightly late. The schedule seems to have been:— llam-2pm Paul Henderson; 2pm-4pm Burt Williams; 4pm-6pm Paul Jay; 6pm-8pm Paul Henderson; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-11pm Mark Newman; 11pm-midnight Paul Henderson. The station stayed on the air after midnight to acknowledge the phoned-in requests, but had gone from the air by 12:35am. They are advertising for more DJs and asking for demo tapes. They intend to start Saturday operation soon.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1035kHz: 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8HX

SCR were first noted back on the air shortly before 7pm on Tuesday night, but they were already playing requested records (by hand to the mailing address?) so must have been on the air for a while. Further announcements suggested that the station had been on the air for at least part of last Sunday. They are now announcing a 7-day, 18-hour (8am-lam) schedule and have a couple of new DJs in addition to the return of Paul Woods. The signal strength is about S2\frac{3}{4} in Liscard, but speech modulation isn't too good. Music modulation is good at all times though. Some of the DJs seem unaware of their times and announced schedules have not strictly been kept. The station are promising a full schedule announcement next week, so hopefully it will be printed in the next notes. It seemed that the schedule had not been finalised by this weekend. From what has been heard, there would seem to be many changes to the previous schedule, especially at the weekend. On Thursday night Phil Davies stood in for Keith the Chief and is possibly announcing a regular Saturday spot with SCR.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6F Reception of this station remains extremely poor with the signal being barely heard. They weren't noted until 12:40pm on Sunday, when they appeared to be playing a collection of old tapes. During the day they also seem to have been off the air on many occasions and were not found at many checks. At 2:20pm Phil Davies was on the air, but appeared to be announcing the date as a Saturday, so this was possibly another old tape. Later on, his programme seemed to be "live" but was barely audible. The station was not heard at 5:30pm, but by 5:52pm they were playing "oldies" and Jim Browne was heard to close the station down at 6pm