

Week ending Sunday 27th January 1985

First this week is a reminder that Central Radio hold a disco every Sunday night after the station closes down. These take place at the WINDSOR CASTLE HOTEL, Walton Vale, Liverpool between 8pm and 11pm. The venue is very close to Orrell Park railway station and is well served by a number of bus routes.

This week, only two weekend stations have been heard and there is still no sign of Storeton Community Radio.

RADIO MERSEYWAVES 1233kHz: 18, Mallard Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SL.

This station have extended their hours to Saturday/Sunday operation but the voices of some of the newer DJs are not immediately recognisable and there may be a few errors in the schedules shown. An intermittent carrier was heard on Saturday until 3:30pm when programming started. Heard were:- 3:30pm-5pm Ray Rockford; 5pm-6pm Mark Newman(?); 6pm-7pm Martin Miller; 7pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Mark Newman. After 10pm an unmodulated carrier was heard on the frequency and it is presumed that 10pm was close-down time. Some time during the day the station apologised for the late start due to a few technical difficulties. On Sunday a blank carrier with occasional short bursts of modulation was heard from about 11:15am. The station opened at 11:33am with Burt Williams apologising for the late start due to bad weather. Merseyside woke up to very strong winds and heavy snowfall. The schedule for Sunday was: 11:33am-Noon Burt Williams; Noon-2pm Paul Jay; 2pm-4pm Burt Williams; 4pm-6pm Ray Rockford; 6pm-7pm Tara; 7pm-8pm Paul Henderson; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. The station announced that Paul Henderson would be on the air from Midnight to 2pm, but this was not confirmed. (on Monday 28th Jan the carrier, together with a loud hum was still on the air, but it isn't known at what time the station closed down)

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

The station announced that they had been on the air on Saturday, but the broadcasts were not noted here in spite of quite a few spot-checks. The schedule for Sunday was:- 10:40am-11am continuous music test transmission; 11am-1pm Jim Browne; 1pm-2pm Steve Tyler; 2pm-5pm Phil Davies; 5pm-6pm Brian Grant; 6pm-6:20pm Jim Browne with phone-in requests and dedications together with close-down announcement. At noon, Jim Browne said that it was Central Radio's 2nd birthday and he traced the history of the station briefly. They started as Bootle Community Radio on 92.5MHz FM in September 1982, where they stayed until January 1983, when Bootle Community Radio moved to 221m MW with a power of 100W. The station later moved to 225m and changed its name to Merseyland Alternative Radio. The name change to Central Radio International occurred at a later date again. Following the "raid" on 10th October 1983 the station was forced to again change frequency to 1404kHz, where it remains today. Without any definite dates in mind, Jim Browne says that as soon as possible the station will be moving back to 1386kHz with 92.5MHz in parallel. They hope to get back to Saturday and Sunday operation with all the previous DJs once again being heard. At close-down, Jim Browne sent greetings to Crystal Radio (ex Chorley Community Radio) in Stockport. He said that they were being heard on 242m in Merseyside "but not at the moment". Presumably they are being covered in this area by Radio Merseywaves.
