

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 10th February 1985

A letter received from Jim Browne states that Central Radio International stayed off the air last weekend because a number of suspicious characters, both on foot and in cars, were seen in the vicinity of the transmitter location. The station is keeping a low profile until the results of the Court case (due to be heard at Dale Street, Liverpool at 10am on 13th February) arising from the DTI raid on 10th November are known. He says that the station will be off the air until a new location can be found, and hopes that this can quickly be accomplished in a position that will allow some decent aerials to be erected. There is still no news of Storeton Community Radio and in the meantime, Radio Merseywaves are the only station being heard.

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

Sign-on time on Saturday was not noted and may have been late. Listening time was very limited and notes are very sketchy. At 2:20pm the signal was very distorted and seemed to have gone off the air a few times for adjustments. They seem to have been operating with continuous music and no presenter was noted until 4:25pm. On Sunday Burt Williams said that the station would soon be using some new DJs and that some of the present ones hadn't turned up on Saturday. First thing on Sunday morning he said that nobody else except himself had turned up, but gave the atrocious weather conditions as the probable reason. After 4:30pm on Saturday the modulation seems to have been much improved and very brief "spot checks" seemed to indicate that the station operated normally until its midnight close-down time. The station was first noted at 11:30am on Sunday with a somewhat distorted signal and intermittent "continuous" music. Adjustments made during this period enabled the station to open at Noon with quite good modulation but not too strong a signal. Heard Sunday were:- Noon - 1:05pm Burt Williams; 1:05- 1:50 Chris Palmer (a new and very good DJ); 1:50 - 2pm Continuous music; 2pm - 4pm Burt Williams; 4pm - 6pm Paul Jay; 6pm - 8pm Paul Henderson; 8pm - 10pm Martin Miller and 10pm - Midnight Mark Newman. When checked at about 12:30am the station had gone from the air. One of the DJs, Martin Miller I think, mentioned that he would next be on the air on Friday, so the station might be extending their hours from next weekend.

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