

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 3rd March 1985

Once again Radio Merseywaves are the only local station that have been noted, with no sign yet of either Storeton Community Radio or Central Radio International.

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

The station has featured a number of new DJs this weekend but the names of all of them have not been noted. They were not on the air at noon on Saturday and were first noted at 1:10pm, when the DJ was apparently Paul Henderson. Later announcements gave his name as Jim(?), saying that he had been on the air from 1pm. He was followed by two more new DJs and the Saturday line-up was 1pm-3pm Jim ...(?); 3pm-4pm Tom Webb; 4pm-6pm Steve Jones; 6pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-11pm Mark Newman and 11pm-Midnight Paul Henderson.

On Sunday the carrier appeared on 1242kHz at 12:03pm, but was switched on and off a few times before the station opened at 12:30pm. The Sunday line-up has been 12:30pm-2pm Chris Taylor; 2pm-4pm Burt Williams; 4pm-6pm Paul Jay; 6pm-8pm Mark Newman; 8pm-9pm Martin Miller; 9pm-10pm Tony Hennessey and 10pm-Midnight Paul Henderson.

This weekend the staff seem unable to make up their minds whether to announce 1233kHz or 1242kHz, although the majority are plumping for the former. From about 2:30pm on Saturday and for the whole of the broadcasting time after that, the station have been operating on approximately 94.8MHz in parallel with 1242kHz, but some reason best known to themselves they haven't been announcing the FM outlet. The latter was heard on a communications type receiver and ribbon "T" antenna, but was not found on either a stereo set or a pocket portable, which suggests that the FM signal was very weak. At close-down on Sunday the name of the DJ missed above was Jim Lowe. They also said that Ray Rockford had been on the air this weekend, but he was not noted.

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While there have been so few Merseyside stations on the air, Manchester have been keeping the North West's flag flying. SOUTHSIDE RADIO on 103MHz stereo FM and CAROUSEL RADIO on 94.3 MHz are providing good reception for most of the time although KFM on 101.7kHz and Krystal Radio on 1242kHz remain un-heard. In his Sunday evening broadcast from Radio Merseywaves, Tony Hennessey reported that Krystal Radio had closed-down voluntarily when they realised that the DTI had a good chance of catching them under their present circumstances.