

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 21st April 1985

The local stations continue to suffer "technical" problems of one sort or another.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL: 1404kHz; 30 Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TK

This station were not heard on Thursday night with the relay of Radio Active. On Saturday they were not noted until 3:40pm. They were featuring continuous music with occasional announcements and station IDs but the broadcast was intermittent while "adjustments" were being made to equipment. They were still operating intermittently at 6pm, when Jim Browne announced that there was no engineer available, and the station seems to have closed down shortly after, hoping to have everything sorted out in time for Sunday. On Sunday the station were not heard at all.

When first heard on Saturday the signal was better than it had been for some weeks but successive adjustments made things go from bad to worse until the broadcast was largely unreadable.

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

This station were not heard on Friday night in spite of numerous checks. On Saturday they featured continuous music until 10am, then 10am-Noon Jim Lowe; Noon-2pm Tom Webb; 2pm-4pm Paul Henderson; 4pm-6pm Steve Jones; 6pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Mark Newman and 10pm-Midnight Martin Miller. The Sunday schedule differed somewhat from previous weeks and was not fully noted. Heard were:- 11am Paul Henderson; 11:30am Tara; Noon-1pm Mark Newman; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-6pm Burt Williams; 6pm-8pm Mark Newman; 8pm-10pm Paul Henderson; 10pm-Midnight Chris Palmer.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz; 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8Hz.

The station signed-on at 5pm on the dot on Friday. Heard were 5pm-6pm Dave Collins; 6pm-7pm Martin "C"; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Jill Jackson. It was announced that Little Di would be on the air from 11pm-1am close-down, but when checked at 10:50pm the station had gone from the air. On Saturday the station was not found until 3:57pm when Joe Williams was on-air. He thanked Keith the Chief and Paul Woods for letting him have the first half hour of their show to compensate for his late start, and the schedule appears to have been:- 3:30pm-4:30pm Joe Williams; 4:30pm-6pm Keith the Chief; 6pm-8pm Edward Bear (who hadn't turned up at 6pm, so KtC and PW extended their show to cover at least the first part); 8pm-10pm Jeff Jones; 10pm-Midnight Martin "C". At 10:19pm the station disappeared. It was back again by 10:21pm, but at much reduced level and at 10:45pm Martin "C" said that the station was closing down till Sunday. It seems that they re-appeared on the air at 12:20am, when Keith the Chief kept things going until 3am. Early in the day, the station said that they were having problems with the modulator and broadcasts requests for fans to be brought to the studio, saying that if they did go off the air, listeners should stay tuned as they would only be off for a few minutes. Sign-on on Sunday wasn't noted, but heard were 10am-Noon Wayne Scott; Noon-2pm Andy Sloan; 2pm-4pm Paul James; 4pm-6pm Brian "C"; 6pm-8pm John Sniff; 8pm-10pm Alan Ross; 10pm-Midnight Keith the Chief. The remainder of the schedule was announced as Midnight-2pm Mad Mike and 2pm-3pm Pablo Brad, but this wasn't confirmed.

KISS-FM 102.85MHz

This station signed-on at Noon on Sunday. Heard were Noon-3pm Tony Hayes and 3pm-6pm Colin Sayer. They announce the frequency as 102.7MHz and feature the same type of format as KISS-FM in Los Angeles, USA. Programme-wise the presentation is excellent and the station is the most professional-sounding outfit that has ever been set up in this area. No mailing address has been heard.

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A station calling itself "K104" has been heard for the past couple of weekends from the area South of Blackpool. Local reports say that the Steve Jones on K104 isn't the Steve Jones from Radio Merseywaves but other reports indicate that Tony Hennessey may have left Radio Merseywaves to join K104. The latter station has not been heard here.