MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 28th April 1985

None of the local stations were noted on Friday evening. Storeton Community Radio and Central Radio International were not heard at all. On Saturday, Radio Merseywaves said that the DTI were in the area, which is why the other stations had stayed off the air.

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

Early checks failed to find this station, who were not noted until 3:10pm on Saturday afternoon. Initially operation was somewhat intermittant and the DJ wasn't recognised, but thought to be Mark Newman. Listening time was a bit limited but the schedule appeared to be: 4pm-7pm Steve Jones; 7pm-8pm Paul Henderson; 8pm-10pm Tara and 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman. Sign-on time on Sunday wasn't noted, but the station said they were not on the air by 10am. They were first noted at 11:15am, with the Steve Jones show. At 1pm he handed over to Paul Jay and things began to go wrong. There was severe crackling sounds all over speech and music. On-air attemps to fix things were not successful and the station had gone from the air when checked shortly after 3pm. They were not subsequently noted.

KISS-FM 102.85MHz: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.

This station are now announcing a mailing address and asking for reception reports, especially from listeners outside the immediate area. They opened at noon on Sunday and heard were:— Noon-3pm Tony Hayes; 3pm-6pm Colin Sayer; 6pm-6:57pm Roy Stannier. The latter said he would be on the air till 8pm. At 6:57pm it was thought that a broadcast tape had "run out" un-noticed, but it soon became apparent that the transmitter had gone from the airwaves. The station are announcing a special Bank Holiday broadcast on 6th May, and they intend to have a phone-in request spot and at least one new DJ. The American-type music format makes them well worth trying for and I think most new listeners will be pleasantly surprised at what they hear.