

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 26th May 1985

This weekend has seen an increase in activity, but some of the stations have not been without their problems.

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

This station was not on the air on Friday night. They were first noted at 11:42am on Saturday, but appeared to be "testing" the receiver with somewhat intermittent continuous music. They signed on at noon with Ray Rockford till 2pm. Steve Jones started the 2pm to 6pm slot and was on the air for most of the afternoon. However when checked at both 5:30pm and 6:30pm the station was not on the air. They were next noted at 7:55pm, again with intermittent continuous music. They re-opened properly at 8:20pm with Martin Miller saying that they had been having some technical problems. The remainder of the schedule was 8:20pm-10pm Martin Miller, 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am close-down Paul Jay. Sign-on time on Sunday wasn't noted, but thought to be 11am and heard were:- 11am(?)-1pm Steve Jones; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-6pm Burt Williams (the first half hour consisted of intermittent continuous music while "adjustments" were made); 6pm-8pm Continuous music; 8pm-10pm Mark Newman; 10pm-Midnight close-down Martin Miller, who announced that the next broadcast would be next Saturday.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2DK.

This station made a welcome return after six weeks absence from the air waves. They were not noted until 11:44am on Saturday, but had apparently been on the air since 10am. Heard were:- 10am(?) - Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Mark Evans (repeat of earlier broadcast?) in for Steve Tyler; 6pm-7pm Jim Browne; 7pm-8pm close-down Steve Tyler. On Sunday the station opened at 10am, but quickly ran into problems. Jim Browne was on the air 10am-11am, then he handed over to Steve Tyler for the 11am-Noon slot. The station soon developed problems with one of the decks and also with the antenna and went off the air hoping to be back by 1pm. They were back again at 1:20pm with Mark Evans to 2pm; 2pm-5pm Phil Davies, who extended his show by ½ hour to 5:30pm; 5:30pm-6:30pm Jim Browne/Mark Evans; 6:30pm Steve Tyler. It had been announced earlier that Steve Tyler would be on the air till 10pm or possibly longer. He was still operating at 8pm, but at 9:40pm, Jim Browne was heard closing the station down.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Merseyside L49 8FX.

The station were on the air with a much stronger signal on Friday night. Heard were:- 5pm-7pm Joe Williams; 7pm-9pm John Sniff; 9pm-11pm Martin "C", standing in for Uncle Ern. the remainder of the schedule wasn't noted, but believed to be 11pm-Midnight Little Di and Midnight-2am Mad Mike. The station were already on the air before 8am (the announced sign-on time) and heard were:- 07:50-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Mid-day Jeff Jones; Noon-2pm Paul James; 2pm-4pm Joe Williams; 4pm-6pm Keith the Chief/Paul Woods; 6pm-8pm Edward Bear; 8pm-Midnight Uncle Ern; Midnight-1am Uncle Ern filling-in for Keith the Chief; 1am-3am Dave Collins. The Sunday line-up reads:- 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-11am Dave Collins filling-in for Jeff Jones; 11am-Noon Jeff Jones; Noon-2pm Andy Sloane; 2pm-4pm Paul James; 4pm-6pm Brian "C"; 6pm-8pm Keith the Chief; 8pm-10pm Alan Ross; 10pm-Midnight John Sniff; Midnight-2am Mad Mike

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - 27th May 1985

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

The station were heard "testing" late morning, and opened at Noon. Heard were:- Noon-2pm Alan Ross; 2pm-4pm Tony Hayes; 4pm-6pm Colin Sayer. The station was due to operate in stereo, but the stereo indicator on the receiver remained unlit.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL opened at 10am and heard were:- 10am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4:30pm Phil Davies; 4:30pm-??? Mark Evans. Paul Allen was supposed to be on the air at 5pm, but when checked at 5:09pm the station had gone from the air

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO opened at 8am and heard were:- 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon Joe Williams; Noon-2pm Uncle Ern; 2pm-?? Brian "C". The station were off the air when checked at 3:38pm and were not found again till 5:23pm. Paul James announced that they had been having some technical problems. The remainder of the schedule was:- 5:23pm-6:30pm Paul James; 6:30pm-8pm John Sniff; 8pm-10pm Alan Ross; 10pm-Midnight John Sniff; Midnight-2am Keith the Chief. The latter announced that all being well, SCR would be on 97.2MHz in stereo from next weekend as well as on 1026kHz.