

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 18th August 1985

As on previous occasions, Commodore Radio seems to have been short-lived, having not been heard since Monday night. Kiss-FM were back again this Sunday but had some initial problems.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 981kHz, 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. Although heard on Saturday morning, the 981kHz transmitter was switched off at 1:30pm according to station announcements. Paul Jay said on Sunday that RMW was also on 94.8MHz but this broadcast wasn't found. The Monday broadcasts now seem to be a regular feature of this station, with a line-up similar to that of Friday. They seem to have been operating all night on Sunday, as Martin Miller was heard at 6:15am Monday. The line-up that day was ??-8am Martin Miller; 8am-9am Martin Miller standing in for Dave Collins; 9am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm DJC standing in for Paul James; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-8pm Paul Baker; 8pm-10pm Tara; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am Keith the Chief. The usual Monday/Friday line up seems to be 9am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Paul James; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Paul Baker; 7pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am Keith the Chief. On Saturday Tara was on holiday and her stand in wasn't noted, but heard were:- 9am-Noon Dave Collins; Noon-2pm Paul James; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm KtC/Paul Woods; 6pm-8pm ??; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC; 1am-3pm DJC/Paul Woods. The latter part of the schedule was not noted. The Sunday line-up was: 9:30am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay; 3pm-5pm Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-8pm DJC/Martin Miller; 8pm-10pm Martin Miller; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC. It isn't known whether station operated past their normal close-down, but the carrier was still on the air at 6:30am Monday.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 23, The Meadow, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8HX. The station were on the air Friday, Saturday and Sunday with just a few changes to their announced schedule, due in some part to holidays, no doubt. On Friday night between 10pm and midnight someone called Gary "M" seemed to be standing in for Carrie Ann. On Saturday evening between 7pm and 10pm Joe Williams was replaced by a new DJ called Stevie Sounds. This was not the same Stevie Sounds who was on SCR in the past. The Sunday schedule appears to have been as announced previously.

COMMODORE RADIO; 103.8MHz: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH. The station were not heard in Liscard on a pocket-portable which made sustained listening difficult. They were putting in a good signal to the dock area of Liverpool and requests dedications, etc were being received from them from North Wales and Prescott, so they must have been getting out well in other directions. At 6:30pm on Monday they said that they were leaving the air for a while, but no reason was heard. On the portable they were getting splattered by local police broadcasts on a nearby frequency. They were back on the air by 10:40pm, but this was the last time they were heard.

KISS-FM 102.7MHz stereo FM: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW. The station were on the air from noon on Sunday, but they appear to have been having some problems with the transmitter. The broadcast was intermittent and seems to have consisted of taped music. At 12:35pm everything seemed to be working to their satisfaction and the Alan Ross show commenced. Unfortunately this was limited to just 25 minutes and Tony Hayes took over at 1pm. Spot checks showed Tony Hayes handing over to Colin Sayer at 3pm and Colin Sayer closing down the station a few minutes before 6pm. Calibration of the frequency suggests that the station are now operating on the announced frequency of 102.7 MHz rather than the 102.85MHz that they used previously.

Paul Rogers, ex-Radio Elenore is now working at Radio Caroline and can be heard in the 2am-6am slot under the name of Dave Collins. The latter station were featured in BBC-1 TV programme (believed to be the News or Regional news programme) on Monday 19th August.