

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 1st September 1985

It has been a week of mixed fortune for the Merseyside stations. Central Radio re-appeared and have operated continuously since 11am Saturday, while the other local stations have disappeared one by one on Sunday. It is believed that Storeton Community Radio were raided by the DTI while Radio Merseywaves and Kiss-FM closed down on hearing of the raid. Central Radio International have continued to broadcast throughout. Commodore Radio have returned to the air but are now using a frequency just a fraction above 104.3MHz and are being completely swamped by Signal Radio, Stoke-on-Trent.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW  
The station were on the air Bank Holiday Monday when heard were:- 8am-10am Dave Collins; 10am-Noon Paul Jay; Noon-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Paul James; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods. From 5pm they had problems with missing DJs and Paul Baker was on the air from 5pm-11pm, when Mark Newman took over. The latter said that Paul Baker was always having to extend his hours like this and that it wouldn't happen again. The remainder of the schedule was announced as 11pm-1am Mark Newman; 1am-2am (or beyond) DJC. They were on the air on Friday with yet more misleading announcements. Heard were:- 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm DJC; 1pm-3pm Paul James; 3pm-5pm Paul Woods; 5pm-7pm Paul Baker; 7pm-9pm Mark Newman. Shortly before 9pm the remainder of the schedule was announced as 9pm-Midnight Dave Collins and Midnight-2am (or beyond) DJC. However, just a few minutes later, at 9pm, a new DJ calling himself "Paul - hang on a minute, what is my name?. I'll play this record while I sort it out" was heard. It wasn't till his sign-off at 10pm that he gave the name Johnnie Walker. He was followed 10pm-Midnight and DJC from midnight on. Saturday also showed a few changes to the normal schedule. The "Hotel Hornby" show had been attracting a lot of letters recently in response to appeals for sketches of what Tara looks like. The Saturday schedule was:- 9am-Noon Dave Collins; Noon-2pm Paul James; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods; 6pm-10pm an extended Tara show. The station announced the remainder of the schedule as 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman and Midnight-1am DJC. Mark Newman was on the air from 10pm, but when checked at 11:05pm only an un-modulated carrier was heard. No further programming was noted. The Sunday schedule was very much curtailed. They opened at 8am and noted were 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay. When checked at about 3:03pm they were still on the air, but had gone by 3:36pm

KISS-FM 102.7MHz stereo FM: 150, Rake Lane, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW  
Reports say that this station is now operating on both Saturday and Sunday from Noon to normal close-down time, but Saturday reception wasn't confirmed this weekend. On Sunday the station's activities were curtailed by activities elsewhere. Heard were:- Noon-1pm Allan Ross; 1pm-3pm Tony Hayes. The station weren't checked for DJ change-over at 3pm, but the signal had disappeared from the air by 3:35pm

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 91, New Hey Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 7NE.  
The station did a special Bank Holiday Monday broadcast but some of the earlier schedule wasn't noted. Heard were:- 8am-10am Joe Williams; 10am-Noon ???; Noon-3pm John Sniff; 3pm-5pm Dave Dee; 5pm-7pm Uncle Ern; 7pm-10pm Paul Western; 10pm-Midnight Carrie Ann; Midnight-2am Mike Martyn. On Thursday it was forgotten that the station was due on the air, and the first listening session was not till 7:30pm. Heard were 7:30pm-10pm Uncle Ern and 10pm-Midnight Jill Jackson. On Saturday the line up was the normal Joe Williams/Erian "C"/John Sniff/Paul Western till 5pm, after which, Andy Rogers replaced Uncle Ern between 5pm-7pm and Stevie Sounds replaced Joe Williams from 7pm-10pm. Jill Jackson was heard 10pm-Midnight but the remainder of the schedule wasn't noted. On Sunday the people heard were:- 8am-10am Joe Williams and 10am-Noon Kenny "G". When checked at 1:03pm the station were not on the air.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF  
The station weren't noted till 1:15pm Saturday although announcements say that they opened at 11am. The stations re-opening seems to have taken some of the DJs by surprise and they never turned up for their shows on Saturday although everything seemed to go as planned on Sunday. They are announcing continuous operation from 8pm Friday to Noon on Monday. Heard this weekend have been: Sat: 11am-2pm Mark Evans; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-5pm Jim Browne; 5pm-8pm John Sanderson; 8pm-11pm Mark Evans; 11pm-2am Phil Davies. Sundays schedule was announced as 2pm-3pm Jeff, a new DJ; 3am-6am Mark Evans and 6am-10am Phil Davies. Phil was on the air when first checked at 8:15am. Heard were:- 10am-Noon Jim Browne; Noon-2pm Jim Browne; 2pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Tom Webb; 6pm-8pm Ian Lowe; 8pm-10pm John Sanderson; 10pm-?? Marty Dwane. The latter was due on the air till midnight, but when checked at 11:30pm the station had gone from the air. Close-down time and reason were not noted.