MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 15th September 1985

There still only two stations operating this week, with no trace of either Kiss-FM or Radio Commodore. Central Radio International have had a lot of problems with the erection of aerials, and have been off the air more than they have been on it.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. The station were on the air Monday with a somewhat re-arranged schedule. Heard were:—8am-1lam Dave Collins; llam-1pm DJC; lpm-3:30pm Martin Miller in for Paul James; 3:30—5pm Dave Collins in for Paul Woods; 5pm-6pm Dave Collins in for Tara; 6pm-7pm Tara; 7pm-10pm Mark Newman and 10pm-Midnight Paul Baker. If the station remained on the air after midnight, then the schedule was not noted. Most of the Friday schedule was missed and the only DJs noted were 7pm-10pm Mark Newman and 10pm-Midnight a new DJ called Tony Coltaine(?) The Saturday schedule had Dave Collins/Paul Baker/Paul James/DJC/KtC & Paul Woods/Tara/Martin Miller and Mark Newman doing two hours each, between 8am and midnight, followed by KtC from Midnight to lam and DJC to unspecified close-down. On Sunday, Dave Collins/Wayne Scott/Paul Jay/Burt Williams and KtC did two hours each between 9am and 7pm, followed by Martin Miller 7pm-10pm; Mark Newman 10pm-Midnight; KtC Midnight-lam and DJC lam-close down. Some of the DJs are still announcing operation on more than one frequency, but the station has only been noted here on 1242kHz.

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF

The station failed to come on the air at their scheduled 10am start on Saturday, and I understand that they had problems with the erection of an antenna. They were first noted at 3:34pm, with Phil Davies saying that he had had enough of the station and was leaving. He said he would probably re-activate Liverpool Pirate Radio, and if he did, then it would be on the air seven days per week, even if he had to run it single-handed. He said the rest of the DJs were scared stiff of the DTI and were not fulfilling their obligations to the station. After just a few minutes he closed the station down. I understand that Phil had started his show at 3pm, but just before I tuned in, he had announced that they were causing TVI and that he was going to close down. The station were unable to re-erect the area in another place, so they were unable to return to the air. There were also problems with the aerial on Sunday, when the station didn't come on the air till 11:15am. After about 15mins of "tests", Jim Browne opened the station and was on the air till 2pm. Thereafter, the schedule noted was: - 2pm-4pm Shaun(of Radio Nova) a new DJ; 4pm-6pm Jim Lowe; 6pm-7pm Jim Lowe standing-in for Marty Duane; 7pm-8pm Jim Sanderson standing-in for Marty Duane; 8pm-10pm John Sanderson; From about 10pm the signal deteriorated badly and on-air attempts to correct it just made things worse. The DJ from 10pm wasn't noted, and the station closeddown at 11:22pm, having lost the modulation a few minutes previous. The signal from this station remains at S33 but the modulation still needs some attention.