MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 22nd September 1985

This week, to everyone's surprise, Radio Mersey Waves have had the local airwaves to themselves with none of the other stations being heard. RMW haven't been without their problems either, and have been missing from the air at various times.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES: 1242kHz; 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside I46 7UW.

The station were on the air on Monday and although Dave Collins was heard opening the proceedings, nost of the daytime schedule wasn't noted. It is believed to have been:8am-llam Dave Collins; llam-3pm DJ Charles; 3pm-5:15pm Paul Woods; 5:15pm-7pm Paul James;
7pm-10pm Mark Newman; l0pm-Midnight. The schedule after midnight wasn't noted, but it is thought to be Midnight-lam Keith the Chief; lam-?? DJ Charles.

On Friday the whole of the daytime schedule was missed, but it is thought that Dave Collins opened things up at 8am. When I got home from work, the signal was very intermittant around 4:43pm and remainded so until 5pm, when Mark Newman started his programme. He apologised for the lack of signal and said that they had been working very hard to get back on the air after a "break of 6 or 7 hours". Heard that evening were: - 5pm-6pm Mark Newman; 6pm-8pm Tara; 8pm-10pm Paul Baker; 10pm-Midnight Tony Coltrane; Midnight-?? DJ Charles.

On Saturday the station appeared to still be having equipment problems. The carrier was on the air at 8:10am but no modulation was heard. Around 11:25am the modulation was very intermittant and lost completely a few times. Apart from the "breaks", the schedule was thought to be:- 9am-llam Dave Collins; llam-Noon Mark Newman; Noon-2pm Paul James (15 mirs late for his programme again); 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm KtC and Paul Woods; 6pm-9pm Tara; 9pm-Midnight Mark Newman. From Midnight, the announced schedule was Midnight-lam DJC and lam-3am KtC, however, when checked at 12:45am, the signal was very intermittant and a short time later, the carrier seems to have been switched off

Sunday morning's problems seem to have been caused by staff not turning up. This was probably due to DJC not expecting the station to be on the air! The line-up noted was:8am-llam Dave Collins; llam-lpm Dave Collins standing-in for DJC, who didn't turn up but was supposed to be standing in for Wayne Scott, who is on holiday. Dave was helped out between Noon and 12:37pm by "JOHNNIE", who started off OK but seemed to have lost interest when the record decks started to play-up. lpm-3pm had the joint Dave Collins/Paul Jay C120 show. From 3pm the line up was almost back to normal with:- 3pm-5pm Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm Paul Woods presenting KtC's TOP 40 show; 7pm-10pm Tara/Martin Miller joint "Hornby Show"; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-lpm KtC. Any later schedule was not noted, but it is believed that DJC then took over till an unspecified hour

Monday 23rd September

As this weeks notes are already behind schedule. I thought that I would include today's output from Radio Merseywaves, the only station still on the air. The daytime schedule has not been noted, but from listening, it seems that Paul James, who either turns up late or not at all, hasn't showed up again today. The daytime schedule wasn't noted, but at 5:20pm Mark Newman was heard to say that he had given up hope that Paul James would show up, and he was appealing from other djs, notably Tara or Dave Collins, to turn up. At 5:45pm, he said that TARA wasn't able to come, and by 5:50pm the signal was "carrier only". At 8:10pm the signal was only intermittant "Theme Tune", followed by Dave Collins till Midnight. From 10pm-Midnight he is apparently standing-in for Paul Baker, who is reported to be a patient at the local hospital. From Midnight to lam, KtC was in the chair, but later schedule wasn't heard.