

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 10th November 1985

The AM stations continue to have problems with Storeton Community Radio in particular going off the air regularly. Central Radio were back on the air on Saturday with a poorly modulated signal which had been somewhat improved by Sunday. On the FM scene, C104 started regular broadcasts on Sunday, and a very, very weak signal was heard from Radio Veronica.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.8MHz mono: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF  
Although announcing 104.8MHz, the station seem to have operated on 104.6MHz this weekend, effectively blocking out Signal Radio, which should give rise to some complaint to the DTI from the IBA. The signal seemed to be much clearer this week, but it occupied a much wider bandwidth. The station relayed Central Radio from noon till 7pm, then went into their own programming:- 7pm-8:30pm Tom Webb; 8:30pm-10pm Jim Lowe; 10pm-11:30pm Tom Webb; 11:30-Midnight(or so) Jim Lowe. Reception during the day was spoilt by local interference, but evening reception lived up to its super quality, hi-fi, mono billing.

WFM : 90.3MHz stereo FM; 3, Waring Avenue, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 6QH  
This station were on the air from about 7:55pm with "tests" of continuous music till 8:17pm, when programming proper started. Announcements seemed to be "live" but with all DJs signing on and off 15-17 minutes past the hour, the implication is that programmes are taped. They are announcing 8pm-1am with Steve Davies/Kevin Palmer/Phil James/Keith/Mike doing one hour each on Sundays only. This weekend, no-one seemed to be certain that Mike would be able to turn up and close-down time wasn't noted.

RADIO VERONICA

Around 8pm or so, a very weak signal was heard on approximately 105.5MHz. The station IDed as Radio Veronica, but other details could not be distinguished in the background noise.

C-104 104.0MHz stereo FM: No mailing address heard

This station was announcing Sunday as their "first day of broadcasting". The station is operating Sundays only, noon to 6pm, with Andy Davies, Paul Kay and John Dwyer doing two hours each in that order. A super signal in Liscard but helping Concept to blot out Signal Radio.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO 1026kHz: 91, New Hey Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 7 NE  
This station continues to have problems and has been off the air a few times during the week. Since Wednesday, evening reception has been grim, due to an exceptionally high level of Continental interference. They opened at 8am on Monday and operated normally till a few minutes after 7pm. At 7:10pm only the carrier was noted, but this soon went off the air. At 12:25am on Tuesday morning they were just getting back on the air and Martin "C" said that they had moved to a more reliable location, where they hoped to avoid the problems of the past few weeks. Jeff Jones then carried on till 2am close-down. They opened slightly late (8:50am) on Tuesday and operated normally till some time after 11am. The signal wasn't found at 11:30am and was next noted at 3:43pm. They closed-down at 12:30am after Brian "C" and Misty had extended their programme by 30 minutes. The station appears to have operated 8am-2am on Wednesday but the signal wasn't found between 7:30pm and 10pm, but it isn't known whether they were off the air during this period as interference was severe. Thursday saw another slightly late start, 8:30am, but after this initial set-back they operated continuously till 2am close-down. On Friday they opened at 8am and operated normally for a while. Dave Dee signed-on at 3pm and was noted a few times after this, but the station was off the air by 4:45pm and was not noted again till 9:30pm. Carrie Anne was supposed to have been on the air till midnight but the station had gone again by 10:20pm and was not heard at all on either Saturday or Sunday.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW

This station seem to have had a trouble-free week, the only disruption being some re-shuffling of the line-up due to "missing" or "sick" DJs. They were on the air from 8am Monday, but closed-down at 1am after the KtC show. On Thursday they opened at 9am and again closed-down at 1am. Friday and Saturday both saw a return to the 8am-3am schedule with DJC standing-in for Paul James on Friday and Mark Wright standing-in for Paul James on Saturday. Sunday was also very much as usual, but with Mark Wright standing-in for Burt Williams. The schedule beyond midnight wasn't noted

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

This station were back on the air on Saturday, in spite of last week's problems, but the modulation wasn't too good, though it improved a little on Sunday with just a buzz over the signal. They opened at 10am Saturday with Jim Lowe/Jim Browne/Phil Davies/Tom Webb/Charles Browne and John Sanderson doing two hours each followed by Jeff Thompson 10pm-1am.



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Central Radio Night-out at the Oakfield Hotel, Oakfield Road, Anfield, Liverpool on Saturday 23rd November. Admission free with disco by the CRI crew

There are reports of other FM stations, Liver FM, TFM, JULIE, etc operating from Merseyside, but none of these have been heard here.