

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE    Week ending Sunday 22nd December 1985

This week has seen the return of Central Radio International but very little to accomplish them. Although WABC are reported to have been on the air from midnight to 5:30am on Tuesday morning, they weren't noted here.

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

This station made a welcome return to the airwaves on Saturday and were noted from 10am with Jim Lowe, Jim Browne, Phil Davies, Tom Webb and Charles Browne doing two hours each. Any programming between 8pm and 10pm wasn't noted, but the station had gone from the air by 10:15pm. Although not checked until 11:15am on Sunday, it is thought that they opened at 8am with Charles Browne, Jim Browne, Jim Lowe, Phil Davies, Tom Webb and Jeff Thompson doing two hours each, the only exception being Jim Browne 10am-12:30pm and Jim Lowe 12:30pm-2pm. Over both days all DJs were reporting difficulties with the record decks, but the station announced that they would be on the air every day until Christmas.

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

In spite of announcements last weekend, Andy Davies was heard on this frequency from noon on Sunday until 12:30pm close-down. The main purpose of the broadcast seems to have been to inform listeners that they would not be on the air again till Boxing Day, but it should be borne in mind that clear reception of the station wasn't obtained until 12:18pm. This was not the fault of the station and due to "low" batteries in a pocket-portable receiver before this time.

CONCEPT RADIO : 104.4MHz FM: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station are also announcing daily broadcasts till Christmas Day. On Sunday they relayed Central Radio from 10:15am to 6:20pm, the latter time being a mistake as Jim Lowe pressed the wrong button at 6pm! The schedule for this station wasn't noted, but appears to follow the same pattern each Sunday, with change-over times being subject to some variation. The normal pattern is Jim Lowe from 6pm-8:30pm, Tom Webb from 8:30pm-11pm, then Tom Webb/Jim Lowe to 1am

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It was announced on CRI that WABC had been heard on Tuesday morning, when Colin Sayer was credited with a "marathon" broadcast. It seems that WABC were due to "test" from midnight to 1am, but that Colin Sayer kept going till 5:30am