MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 12th January 1986

This week, Central Radio International and Commodore Radio have re-appeared, while the FM stations that flourished just before the holiday period all seem to have disappeared.

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

Although not noted till 12:43pm, station announcements say that they had been on the air since 10am, on Saturday. The line-up noted was:- 10am-Noon Charles Browne??; Noon-1pm Jim Lowe; 1pm-4pm Phil Davies; 4pm-6pm Tom Webb; 6pm-7pm ???; 7pm-8pm close-down Jeff Thompson. On Sunday they operated 8am-8pm with Charles Browne, Jim Browne; Tom Webb, Phil Davies; Jim Lowe and Jeff Thompson doing two hours each. The signal today was the best ever, with clean, crisp modulation. News from the station is that they are now using a different type of modulation from a transmitter that is still operating with a "missing" valve, which should be in place by next week. They hope to soon be putting out mid-week tests on 1386kHz and would appreciate reception reports comparing evening reception on 1386kHz with that on 1404kHz at the weekends.

COMMODORE RADIO 104·8MHz

This station was heard for just a few minutes before 4:30pm close-down announcement on Saturday. The signal was strong but the station appeared to have a fault on the "mic" and speech was not readable. The mailing address was not readable. Other sources confirm that speech wasn't readable, but say that the schedule is Saturdays only, with an unknown line-up or transmission span.

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

This week the station commenced their weekday evening/weekend all day schedule, but not without problems. On Monday the DJs were supposed to do 5pm-7pm Dave Collins; 7pm-10pm Tony Coltrane; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman and Midnight-1am close-down KtC. In the event, 7pm-9pm was filled by Dave Collins and Hayley ?. The problems continued on Tuesday night when heard were 5pm-7pm Dave Collins and 7pm-10pm close-down Tara. On Wednesday the frequency showed only an unmodulated carrier from 7:30am till at least 12:30am on the following day. When checked at 6:20pm Thursday, even the carrier had gone from the air. By Friday they seem to have returned to normal hours and heard were:- 5pm-7pm DJC; 7pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman and Midnight-1am close-down KtC. The Saturday schedule was fulfilled, but with certain changes. Heard were 8am-10:30am Dave Collins; 10:30-Noon Tony Coltrane standing in for Mark Wright; Noon-2pm Barry Noble; 2pm-4pm DJC; 4pm-6pm Paul Woods & KtC; 6pm-9pm Tara; 9pm-Midnight close-down Mark Newman. On Sunday the line-up seems to be much as planned from 8am-Midnight at least. Heard have been:- 8am-11am Dave Collins; 11am-1pm Wayne Scott; 1pm-3pm Paul Jay plus Dave Collins; 3pm-5pm Mark Wright in for Burt Williams; 5pm-7pm KtC; 7pm-10pm Peter Thomas; 10pm-Midnight Mark Newman; Midnight-1am KtC. The remainder of the schedule is announced as 1am-2am Mad Mike.

CONCEPT RADIO 104·4MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

This station were on the air at 10:10am first check on Sunday, when they were relaying Central Radio till 6pm. From 6pm they carried their own programmes. The intended schedule was:- 6pm-9pm Tom Webb; 9pm-Midnight Jim Lowe; Midnight-1am The Lowe & Webb Show. Tom Webb signed on at 6pm but Jim Lowe didn't take over till 10pm and it is assumed that he will be on the air till 1sm close-down

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