MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

Week ending Sunday 22nd June 1986

Not much at all has been heard this week.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. This station might possibly have closed down. They were heard on Monday, when the line-up noted was: - 9am-llam Peter Thomas; llam-lpm Barry Noble; lpm-3pm DJC; 3pm-5pm Alan Bates; 5pm-7pm Jeff Starr; 7pm-9pm KtC; 9pm-llpm Mark Burgess; llpm-lam Mark Newman; lam-3am Peter Thomas.

They failed to appear on Friday and weren't heard over the weekend

RADIO JULIE 104-8MHz: 15 Pitch Close, The Crofters, Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside L49 2RR This station was on the air on Monday from approximately 8pm. The signal was intermittant at first with announcements that it was a "test transmission" but settled down to be an "outside broadcast", .with Andy Davies in the studio and Dave Collins/Tony West in the "radio van". When checked later, the station had settled down to "studio programmes" with Dave Collins. The latter was still in the "hot seat" at 12:16am last check. They were next noted at 8:35pm on Friday with Dave Collins till 10pm and Joe Williams to midnight. Any later programming wasn't heard. On Saturday they were noted from 7:45pm with:-7:45pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Wayne George and 2am-4am Tony West (announced but not heard). On Sunday they apparently opened at 6pm with "CAROL" till 7pm. Andy Davies took over at 7pm but seems to have made "on air" adjustments and the signal was very intermittant around 7:30pm. They were back to normal by 8pm, but seem to have moved frequency downwards a little. Heard were 8pm-10pm Dave Collins and 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams. Later programming wasn't noted. The station now say that their Fri/Sat/Sun line-up will be 5pm-7pm Wayne George; 7pm-8pm Andy Davies; 8pm-10pm Dave Collins; 10pm-Midnight Joe Williams; Midnight-2am Tony West. On Saturdays they intend to open at 3pm, but the name of the 3pm-5pm DJ wasn't noted.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.4MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF This station opened at 8pm and heard were: 8pm-9:30pm Tom Webb and 9:30pm-Midnight Jim Lowe. Programming after 10:30pm wasn't noted. Around 9:30pm they held a live phone-in and put out their local free radio news, featuring a tape of K-SOUND.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO 1386kHz: 111 Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG Thanks to a tip-off from Jim Browne, a very weak signal was heard on 1386kHz from approximately 4:42pm on Sunday. The barely readable signal was that of Anfield Community Radio, who are announcing their schedule as Sundays only, with Noon-3pm Mark Evans; 3pm-4pm John Sanderson; 4pm-6pm close-down Mark Evans. The station closed down at 6:04pm and I believe that Jim Browne and Jeff Thompson, both of Central Radio, did a guest appearance on ACR sometime during the afternoon

CENTRAL RADIO 1404kHz & 103.8: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. The carrier was noted on 1404kHz from approximately 4:25pm on Sunday, but it remained unmodulated and had disappeared a few minutes later. Jim Browne says that the FM transmitter was on the air on Saturday and also on Sunday morning, with the DJs talking to themselves, not knowing that a fault was preventing the signal from getting out. Concept Radio merely reported that Central Radio were off the air due to technical problems.

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Although RADIO VERONICA are usually reported on 104.7 MHz by those fortunate enough to be able to hear them, I am told this week that they are also using 1017 kHz. Concept Radio said that Radio Veronica were on the air on Sunday afternoon, but they were not noted here.

This weekend, Radio Concept's signal was much poorer than normal and was getting quite a lot of splatter from Radio Julie, who are reported to be using much higher power this week.

Finally, thanks this week to everyone, for cuttings, report(Tim), news and information, including Colum, Siobhan, Nick, Steve, Podney, Stuart, Garry, Simon, David(NZ), SSM, Ian, Trevor, Les, Sean, John, Joe and Jane, Chris and Phyllis and all the others we forgot to mention.

Finally, a quick mention about the disgraceful carry-on with regard to the CR situation. It now appears that the Government are about to shelve the whole thing. An announcement is to be made in Parliament next week, before the Summer recess.

Really finally, NDXE, featured in Media Network in the week, as being all pie in the sky and without any foundation, sent a nice T-shirt we had sent for a couple of weeks back, along with a letter and stickers etc. Whether we shall ever hear the station remains to be seen.