MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 14th September 1986

Free radio activity in the Merseyside area remains at a very low ebb, with little output being noted.

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

This station signed-on at approximately 7:15pm on Sunday evening for a short "test" transmission featuring a mixture of "jingles", Jim Browne and taped music. They closed-down at 8:21pm. From announcements, it seems that Jim Browne will again be doing a guest appearance on Anfield Community Radio next Sunday, and Liverpool Pirate Radio are expected on 1242kHz next Saturday, probably from Noon onward.

SLAG-OFF INT. 103·4MHz: 11, Orchard Court, Lower Tranmere, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 9HD
This station was noted from approximately 9:40pm on Wednesday, with Steve Mason in the hot seat till 10:20pm, when Mike Hughes took over. The latter was still on the air when last checked at approximately 11:15pm. The station say that they were also on the air on Tuesday, but weren't noted here. I have copied 103·4MHz in my notes as the "announced frequency", but seem to recall that they were operating below Signal Radio and approximately on 102·3MHz.

ANFIELD COMMUNITY RADIO 1431kHz: 111, Pinehurst Avenue, Anfield, Liverpool L4 7UG
This station announces Sundays only, Noon-6pm, but were already on the air by 11:52am this Sunday, after apparently signing-on at 11am. The line up noted was:-
11am(?) Mark Evans; Noon Jim Browne; 2:30pm-6:11pm close-down Mark Evans. The station are expected to feature a new DJ next week, when Jim Browne will also be doing another guest appearance.

RADIO VERONICA 104·7MHz: 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool, L17 8UP.
This station was on the air on Friday night, but with a weak signal apparently suffering from a lot of local interference. Although the music wasn't too bad, a lot of the speech was unreadable and DJ names weren't noted. They were on the air at 8pm and 10pm, but further checks weren't carried out. Reception on Saturday was just about the same, but listening was confined to a period of approximately 20 minutes around 3pm. It is believed that the normal Adrian Cooke(heard)/Jeff King/Neil Frazer line-up applied. On Sunday, the station announced that they had had technical problems on the two previous days, when the signal had been down in strength in most areas. Reception here was still poor till 7pm, when it improved a lot. The Sunday line-up noted has been:-
4pm Neil Frazer; 5pm Off-shore tapes; 6pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm Steve Harper; 8pm Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show; 9pm Phil Collins(????); 10pm Neil Frazer.
Although a prolonged listening session was undertaken from 9:10pm, the DJ seemed to be very shy, and never gave his name once.

1026kHz

The strong carrier continues to be noted on this frequency. On Wednesday evening it was carrying a relay of BBC R Merseyside, but at other times, whenever noted, it has been un-modulated.

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