

# **The WEEKLY**

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# **ANORAKS**

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We now find ourselves at the peak of the year as regards medium wave daytime listening. Even so, in the early hours, around 04:00, the trans - Atlantic skip is still active on many nights and this week, we were listening to baseball commentaries on 570kHz. (WMCA - New York?), with very little interference.

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**"Driftback 20"**, the Caroline Movement's Convention, takes place five weeks next Saturday, on 15th August. The venue is the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in Coram Street, Central London and the event will run from 11:00 until 23:00. Small, black and white glossy brochures/booking forms are available on request from ourselves. As the whole of the Anoraks U.K. team will be in attendance, there will be no report that weekend (for the first time since October 1985). Instead, the following week's issue will be a double ( 8 page) one, including a convention report, in addition to all the fortnight's news and logs.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** As mentioned in last weeks report, we now have in stock the 'official' **Laser Hot Hits** posters and stickers. The '**Laser Hot Hits Poster**' is a full colour side view of the m.Communicator, with the two masts still aloft before they collapsed. This measures 23½ x 16½ inches. There are two types of '**Hot Hits Stickers**', both with the same 4 colour logo. Inside stickers are vinyl, and cost 25 pence each, or 5 for £1.00. The outside stickers are paper, and cost 20 pence each, or 6 for £1.00. Lastly, we have the '**Laser Hot Hits**' **Jingle Cassette**, which also includes the Communicators singing 'Laser Hot Hits'. Price of this cassette is £3.99..... We must apologise once again, for the delay in despatching loop frame aerials. This is because the man who makes the frame itself has unfortunately broken his leg. He hopes to be back to normal as quickly as possible. Anyone awaiting one, please bear with us.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Now Radio**, Issue 30 arrived mid week. 28 x A5 pages with all the latest in the radio world, both legal and pirate. A sample copy can be yours for just £1, from Now Radio Communications, P.O Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 ONW. The latest issue contains "Responses to the Discussion Document, Radio: Choices and Opportunities"..... **Play - DX**, Issue 467. Written partly in English, Italian and Spanish, the current issue has 6 x A4 pages of logs and news etc.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week it's back to New York for the first two recordings. Tape 69 features the expertise of J.R. Vance and D.J. Red Alert on a Saturday night 'Master Mix Dance Party' from **WRKS - FM**, better known as '**KISS - FM**'. This recording was made on 13th June, and the music format of this particular programme is

'scratching/rapping'. Big changes are about to occur on the country radio scene in New York City. At the beginning of July, WHN - AM, the only country station in the city, is changing it's format to all speech. At the same time, **WYNY - FM** will change its format to country. Before this happens, we are featuring as Tape 70, a final chance to hear WYNY - FM with it's 'New Hits and Old Favourites' format. The recording is also from 13th June, and the presenter is Bill O'Rourke. Tape 71 follows up last week's Italian recording, with another station on the Riviera, but this time located in Antibes, France, calling itself **Sunshine Radio**. Featured here are 45 minutes each of Mark Dezzani, and ex - Radio Caroline presenter Susan Charles, as broadcast on 10th June. All tapes are still priced at £2.00 each, and the three described above, are 90 minutes in length. New readers, please note, all back tape offers in Weekly Report are still available at £2.00 each, please feel free to request a full list.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.** **TX Publications** have asked us to apologise, on their behalf, for delays in sending out their 'up - date sheet' we mentioned in 'WR 164'. This is due to a postal dispute in London WC1, causing all recent mail to be stuck in the system. They have also asked us to mention that TX are compiling a chart of reader's all time favourite 'Offshore Radio' DJ's for their next issues. Anyone who wishes to, can leave their vote on the TX info-line, which is (01) 400 8282.

**CONTACTS.** Former Energy / Sunshine presenter in Ireland, wishes to trade airchecks / jingles with similar fan in U.K. / Ireland / Scotland.... Bryan J. Lambert, 101 Avondale Park, Raheny, Dublin 5, EIRE.

**TRADES.** Anthony Page has an 'original' copy



of "Formula 1 Simulator", for an MSX computer. He would like to trade it for any airchecks of FM Free Radio stations. Write to : 17 Barlborough Road, Clowne, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbyshire S43 4RA.

**WANTED.** Owner's manual and circuit diagram for an Eddystone EC10 Communications receiver, as manufactured by Stratton and Co. Ltd., Birmingham. If you have a spare or an original which can be copied, please write to : Philip Hilton, 3 Portmarnock Grove, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, EIRE.

**WANTED.** D.C. Wall would like to acquire recordings of Laser 558/576, and Radio Caroline. Please send any lists to : 8 Trent Road, Bedford, Beds. MK41 7EF.

**WANTED.** Still required, are recordings of Heartbeat FM (Dublin). Write to D. Thorpe, 44 Townfield Road, Flitwick, Bedfordshire MK45 1JF.

**WANTED.** Good FM recordings of Southern Sound and/or 2CR, also, schedule for 2CR. Also, I am running a tape station still and have changed the name to Radio Southsea Int. and want volunteer deejays....contact me, Richard Graham, at 10 Bromyard Crescent, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 3SP.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** Co.DUBLIN. A few changes have occurred recently at **Sunshine 101**. Following the motor accident in which Nails Mahoney was involved, he is understood to be having several weeks rest, during which his breakfast show is being hosted by Paul Kavanagh. Mark Byrne, who stood in for Nails initially, has now left the station, to work in the discos in the Canary Islands. Old favourites Tony Dixon and David Denehey can also be heard during the daytime, at drive - time and in the evenings, weekdays, respectively. 'Dusty' completes the daytime line - up here.

A new voice was heard on **Q 102** on Monday morning's breakfast show. Calling herself Carol, she now assists Scott Williams with all the bits and pieces involved in producing the breakfast show. News continues to be read at this time by Brian Jennings, later in the day, by Anne Cassin. The regular feature 'Eye in the Sky' stars prominently and assists the poor Dublin motorist to get to work each weekday, between 08:30 and 09:00. Mike Hogan is the regular host in the air. Scott is away on holiday this coming week, and his place is likely to be taken by Greg Gaughran. An outside broadcast took place on Saturday (yesterday), between 12:00 and 15:00, from one of the Dublin branches of 'Extravision'. Mike Hogan was up in the 'Eye in the Sky' helicopter, and travelled to many of the other branches during that period, with the 'copter landing in adjacent car parks. Lots of prizes and stickers etc., were given away.

Things at **Energy 103** seem quite normal. The signal on 738kHz. is noticeably stronger. Even at night the station comes in loud and clear, at least until midnight, when the Polish station, Radio Polonia, explodes out of the radio speaker. The voice of ex - Radio West jock, Niall McGowan, has been heard on adverts on the station of late.

Brian in Dungannon reports hearing a station calling itself **L.L.C.R.**, on 105.6MHz. He was a little confused about this, as it was carrying different programming to he normal **L.L.C.R.** channel of 104.0MHz.

**Co. KILDARE.** **K.L.B.** in Newbridge seem to be doing a tour of the country at present. They were broadcasting from Clane (a village about 5 miles from Naas) for a week, and they actually moved the whole studio from Newbridge to do this (believe it or not!). They were in Kildare also, last week but one and really seem to be aiming at the community side of things. On medium wave, they can be heard on 1224kHz. and on FM, on 102.4MHz.

**Co. OFFALY.** It has been reported from several areas, that **Power 102** is being received with a very strong signal. This new station is based in Tullamore.

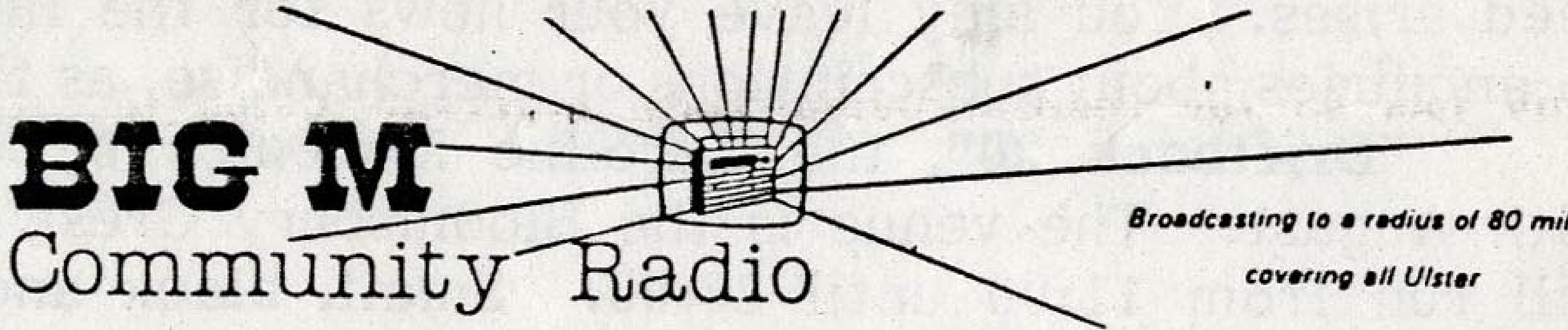
**Co. LOUTH.** We have just received the 'Summer 87' rate card from the proposed **Radio Sovereign** which is due to start transmitting from the Co. Louth area, at 06:00 on 12th July. For the first month, broadcasts will be only on Sundays, from 06:00 to 18:00. From 15th August, the station will go 7 days per week, with its 'Solid Gold' format of music mainly from the 1960's era. For information about the station, the address is Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 0NW, England.

**Co. MAYO.** Yet another new station has begun broadcasting recently in the West of the country, this time in Castlebar. Calling itself **Independent Radio Mayo**, this new station has outlets on 3 FM frequencies of 96, 99 and 101MHz. The reason for this is the fact that the hilly area

of this part of Ireland prevents FM signals from travelling very far, hence the use of several smaller ones. A medium wave channel of 1044kHz. is also being used. We understand that Independent Radio Mayo is already running a 24 hour schedule, and featuring music from all categories. Their contact address is Independent Radio Mayo, Moneen, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, with a telephone number of (094) 23117.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** Don Allen has not been heard on the breakfast show on **Radio West** during the week. His place has been taken by station owner Sean Coyne, although during the early part of the show, just continuous music has been heard. Don is apparently just having a well deserved holiday, as he does seem to work long hours at the station. He was expected back, we understand, to host the famous 'Don Allen Country and Western Jamboree' on Friday evening, although we failed to hear him. Don was not heard on his 'sweet music' programme on Sunday morning, and there was no 'Anorak Show' either.

**Co. MONAGHAN.** Fairly well travelled deejay, Ian Akers, formerly with Caroline, and Radio North in Co. Donegal, has surfaced in Castleblayney, on the local station there, **Big 'M' Community Radio**. Ian has been taken on as an extra presenter since the station increased live broadcasting hours. He has also been noted voicing adverts and promos. The station can be heard on 954 and 1413kHz.AM, and 99.0 and 105.0MHz.FM.



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**Co. CORK.** Recent departure from 'Fort 97 ERI', Chris Barry, has been replaced on the breakfast show by Jim Lockhart. Jim has also been noted appearing live on outside broadcasts, notably one on 26th June, at Cleo's Niteclub in Bandon. The station can be heard over a very wide area on 1305kHz. and locally, of course, on 96.9MHz.FM.

**Co. LIMERICK.** Word from the South West reaches us, and tells us that **Radio Luimni** can not be heard for a few days due to 'John the man' taking a week's holiday! Locally, in the city, **The Sound Channel** can be heard on 98.7MHz., and **Stereo Munster** on 95.8 - ish. The station, without question making the biggest impact there at present, is 'Hits 954'. Their current line - up, as of today, reads..... midnight Kevin Nelson, 07:00 Dave Shearer (Ellis), 10:00 Mark Warner, 14:00 'Hits in the afternoon', 16:00 Drive Time with Neil McLeod, 20:00 Stuart Clarke. Weekenders include Ger Sweeney, Pat Maloney and Liam Stevens. News is read by Stuart, Kevin and Mark in the week, and by Lisa Coonerty at the weekends.



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**Co. KERRY.** According to a report on RTE news, the station in Tralee, **Horizon Radio**, has been served with an injunction, alleging interference to the national service.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports this week. Has no one picked up 1539kHz. yet? Not a single report has been noted.

**CAROLINE.** No changes have yet been made to the line - up, although we expect some new voices to be heard any day now. The current line up is still... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Andy Robin... 17:00 Paul Graham... 21:00 Andy Robin... 23:00 Paul Graham. Monday's (29th) drivetime show with Paul Graham brought some entertaining listening, with one of the Dutch D.J.'s from Radio Monique popping his head in and out of the studio, and having a chat with Paul. The "All Day Caroline Rock Festival" continues to be advertised, and is to be held on Saturday 8th August, at Mildenhall Speedway Stadium, Suffolk. Tickets are £10 on the gate, or £7.50 in advance from Andy's Records. They



can also be obtained by post from : Festival One, 1 Church Gardens, Wesboro, Mildenhall, Suffolk. Peter Philips and Steve Conway encountered a few problems on Wednesday morning, at 08:00, when they were unable to link the studio with the news room. Peter announced shortly after..... 'close scrutiny of the situation reveals that the news room is knackered!' Steve then read a belated bulletin from the main on - air studio. Normal news resumed at 09:00 however. Steve Conway was heard hosting 01:00 - 05:00 on Saturday morning, but the station left the air at midnight on Saturday night, returning as normal Sunday morning. We then awoke to an expected change of staff, with apparently the entire crew having being replaced. Tony Peters is now back on board, as are Kevin Turner, John Tyler, Jamie King, plus one other new voice we understand, who is expected to be heard shortly. The new man was formerly based in Dublin and worked for several stations in the city over the past few years, including Community Radio 257, KISS FM, KLAS and Heartbeat FM. Kevin Turner is expected to resume hosting the breakfast show, and give Peter Philips a well earned break on shore. Steve Conway who, with the exception of one week, has been on board reading the news since 24th February, has also come off for a spell of shore leave. At this stage, first timers Paul Graham and Andy Robin have left and hope to return, possibly during mid - August. Jackie Lee is also back on land, but we are unsure as to whether she will return or not. The forthcoming weekday schedule is not yet known, but the line - up for today, Sunday 5th July has so far read... 05:00 Tony Peters... 09:00 Kevin Turner... 13:00 John Tyler. The remainder of the line up can be obtained, if required by telephoning our info - line after midnight on Monday night. During his first show back, John Tyler kept commenting as to whether they would be able to ever swim around the ship again, following an incident between the Dutch crew and a shark. With the ship being a bit more in open waters, they may well have problems with these larger fish!!

**m.v. COMMUNICATOR.** Word reaches us from a colleague who travelled out on one of the 'Trips to the Ships' excursions last Sunday, that the Communicator is still anchored in International Waters, as during the past few weeks. The reporter mentioned that there were no new masts visible at that time, although he wasn't sure as to whether any work had been going on below deck. A report from the Caroline Movement confirms our colleague's words. They go on to say that despite nothing visibly happening, work is progressing on such things as the anchor chain, the diplexer and the troublesome transmitter, and, further work is to be carried out on the aerial system, before the ship returns and broadcasts once again resume. One good thing is the calmer weather being experienced at present. This should enable one or two of the more difficult jobs to be carried out.

**m.v. NANNELL.** A further report from the Caroline Movement, tells us that work is indeed still going ahead on this rather slow project. Apparently a tug is now in attendance, alongside. Mention of a 50 kilowatt transmitter was also made. In view of the distance from the coast pirate stations are now required to anchor, nothing less than 50 kw can really be considered, that is, if the owners wish to secure a large chunk of the listening market.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** Two stations we couldn't actually hear ourselves were on the air in Liverpool, last Sunday 28th June. **Radio Veronica** made a short test transmission on 104.0MHz., between 14:00 and 15:00. Neil Frazer was the voice heard, and he announced that T - shirts and stickers were still available from the station at 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP. **Mersey Sound** were apparently on the air also on Sunday, 28th June between 18:45 and 22:30, although around this frequency, all we could receive at that time, was a rare appearance from **CDFM** on a frequency of 105.55MHz. **CDFM's** broadcast was announced as a test transmission, and it was mentioned over the air that calibrations were being carried out, after which the frequency was later altered slightly to 105.50MHz. The transmissions ceased shortly after 21:15. This was one of only two extra stations heard on Sunday night, in addition to **Radio Julie** and **Radio Merseywaves**, the other was **Scott FM**, on 102.3MHz., with rather a weak signal here in Blackpool. They give out an address of 2 Greta Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 8ED. On Monday 29th June, both **Radio Atlantis** (936kHz.) and **Radio Merseywaves** (1242kHz.) were on the air as usual. Following the DTI activity the previous Friday, there appeared to be no subsequent follow

up for the rest of the weekend, however DTI personnel were reported in the flat complex on Tuesday, when no stations were even on the air!! **Radio Atlantis** had moved studios during the past two weeks, twice apparently, due to 'suspicious' people being around the transmitter site. On **Radio Merseywaves**, following comments heard during programmes about the transmitter getting a bit 'hot', it apparently overheated at 00:25 on Tuesday morning, and the station left the air. This is possibly the first time ever that this station has had to leave the air earlier than expected, due to a transmitter fault.

Nothing was heard by us, from this area until Thursday night, 2nd July, when **Radio Julie** were noted with a couple of short test transmissions on 104.8MHz. During these tests, Mark Ross said that they hoped to be on the air throughout the weekend starting at 18:00 on Friday. He wasn't sure whether they would be on, due to lack of security, and the possibility of DTI activity in Merseyside over the weekend. He also mentioned that they had been busy since switching off last Sunday, making the studios and sound of the station better. The station did appear as promised, at 18:00 on Friday, and continued throughout the weekend. **Radio Julie's** address is 112 Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU.

**Radio Merseywaves** were not heard on either Thursday night, 2nd July (their usual start of weekend transmissions), or all day Friday. The reason for this was understood to be DTI activity earlier in the week, which forced the station to have to change it's location. A carrier was noted early on Saturday morning (4th July), and by late afternoon this was being modulated with music, and the occasional announcement. Problems with the microphone were encountered, but according to the D.J., engineer Burt Williams was busy beneath the console trying to rectify the situation. Actually, he had been hard at work all through the night, we understand. Finally, the mike was repaired, and normal transmissions recommenced, according to announcements and the line - up, for the remainder of the weekend. A standby transmitter is thought to be being used, as the signal is well down compared to last week. The station continued, as far as we know, throughout Saturday night, and Sunday, as normal. **RMW**, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

**Radio Atlantis** appeared with the start of their weekend schedule, at 11:00 on Friday morning. The two presenters switched around their shows on this day, with Rick Dane hosting from 11:00 until Steven Bishop took over during the afternoon, until sign off at 17:00. Steve announced their current schedule as 11:00 - 17:00 on Friday, Saturday and Monday, with extended shows from 09:00-20:00 on Sundays. A new presenter took to the air at 11:00 on Saturday morning, which gave Steven and Rick a bit of a break. He was calling himself Mike Hayes and was possibly the same person that used to be heard on the Liverpool - based Kiss - FM. Sunday's 'Free Radio Show' between 10:00 and 11:00, featured old recordings of the aforementioned KISS - FM, plus a U.S. station, Q107, as well as other interesting bits and pieces from the world of free radio. One of the keener eared members of this team spotted the voice of the original Andy Davies on promos on the station. Today, one such promo confirmed this when announcing station personell. So it now appears the station features Rick Dane and Steven Bishop (owners); plus Andy Davies and Mike Hayes. Their address is 150 Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW.

One station we have yet to receive here in Blackpool, is **Mersey FM** who are heard irregularly throughout the week on 90.3MHz., with Mike Smith at the controls. We have no current mailing address for this one.

**MANCHESTER.** A new station calling itself **The Illegal Broadcasting Co.**, has been on the air in this area with test transmissions on 104.4MHz. They announced that regular broadcasts would commence on 12th July. After an absence of two weeks, **Independent Community Radio (ICR)** were reported back on the air this weekend, on 103.5MHz.

**THE MIDLANDS. U.K. Radio** were on the air in this area last Sunday night on 104.9MHz. However they had to leave the air after about one hour, due to technical problems. The station are expected on the air again later today. The only other station broadcasting, has been **Radio P.C.R.L.**, who as usual have broadcast for most of the week on 103.7MHz. **YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE AND DERBYSHIRE.** In Leeds, **Music City Radio** were back in stereo, during the latter part of last weekend. The station went back to it's weekend only timetable, after being on the air for most of the previous



week. The frequency as always, is 90.3MHz., and the power is relatively high, resulting in many places outside the city being able to receive its signals. **ABC - FM** were also on the air on Sunday afternoon, 28th June, on their usual frequency of 94.6MHz. Their transmissions are only in mono at present, and they appear to come on the air around midday. **ABC** were also heard on Friday evening, 3rd July, so this station has now returned to the old weekend format which it used to keep to in the early part of this year, prior to a raid. Across in Bradford, **Radio Veronica** were on the air late Sunday evening, 28th June, on 105.6MHz. Down in the Sheffield area, **Music Weekend Radio (MWR)**, were heard last Sunday, 26th June, with programmes between 21:45 and 22:30. This station now seem to operate around this time every Sunday evening, according to reports we have received. The frequency is 105MHz. Another station was heard in South Yorkshire, on Sunday 21st June, calling itself **Power 105**. Heard at around 18:10, the frequency was 105.4MHz, and a phone number was heard to be read out. Does anyone know any more about this station, such as their address and approximate operating area?

In the Derby area, **Radio Freedom** conducted a test transmission yesterday, 4th July, on 1242kHz. They also announced an FM outlet of 105MHz, however this was not monitored by our reporter. There has been no sign of the station on the air today, however.

**LONDON.** In a packed report for the weekend of 26th 30th June, Sid tells us the following... "24 contacts this weekend, with 21 confirmed, 1 possibly BGCR with a carrier wave, 2 new (105.5MHz. on Saturday evening playing 60's R & B, and 106.0MHz. No. I.D., on Saturday morning in Arabic.) 9 stations were heard in stereo, with **Traffic Jam** (97.9MHz.), and **Fresh FM** (94.3MHz.) claiming to be in stereo, but not heard. Not heard or missing - Network 21.

Soul and reggae station **Quest - FM** (89.95MHz.), finally made it back, although with nothing like the speaker rupturing power they were putting out before they disappeared in the middle of May.

This week, only **TKO** (90.5), **LWR** (92.05), and **Time FM** (103.75) of the regulars, and **Solar 93** (93.05) and **KISS FM** (93.95) approached anything like 'London wide' coverage. **Phase 1** (90.9) are fast coming up in the power stakes, and may be soon challenging the leaders. **London Town FM** (92.4), **Studio 1** (92.65), **Sky - FM** (91.65), **Fresh - FM** (94.3) were all difficult to get good signals on, unless in the immediate area.

**London Town - FM** (92.4) only made it on air for Friday night, and also lacked the slick sound we have become used to.

**Community Development Radio (CDR)** (88.7) continue to have technical problems, and were on the air for short periods only, in low power mono.

Two stations have started putting out policy statements. **Rock to Rock (RTR)** (90.2) are now calling themselves a 'community station', and inviting local participation. **RJR** (90.0) stereo, have been putting out at frequent intervals, a statement to the effect that they have no political connections, and as a community station are there to inform and entertain. It is possible that being based on Tottenham's Broadwater Farm Estate (and already having been accused in the national press, of being involved with the riots there, which incidentally occurred before they started broadcasting), that pressure of this kind is being brought to bear.

**Rock - FM** (94.3) were back on Sunday with a powerful stereo signal, which knocked out soulsters **Fresh - FM** on the same frequency for most of London. No sign yet of the promised six day format, and if and when they do, either they or Fresh, will have to make a move, or else neither will be heard at all.

**London Rock** (104.3) were back again on Saturday (27th) with a more AOR approach to rock, than **R-FM**'s powerhouse style. If they could attain a more consistant appearance rate, they might start to attract some attention.

**Clockwork Wireless** (90.0 stereo) also made an appearance on Sunday with their mixture of rock and pop magazine type programme. Lots of chat in between a wide style of music.

Midnight on Saturday 11th July, from Charing Cross Pier, sees the start of the **TKO** (90.6 stereo) big night of the year, with a midnight cruise on the Royal Princess, to pick this year's 'Miss TKO'. Tickets at £12.00, include buffet, live PA's, and top TKO presenters, and the chance to participate in the selection of 'Miss TKO'. The prize for the winner, includes a holiday in Spain. Last year's outing

saw over a thousand happy people cruising down the river, and this year they expect there to be even more. **TKO** are also offering to broadcast tapes from 'Master Mixers' or 'Scratch' tapes, with all due credit given.

The fastest man on the air, **LWR's** (92:05 stereo) overnight / early show presenter, Wayne Turner is appealing for listeners to send him, or any other presenter, a holiday postcard, so that they can decorate their studio. Let him, or anyone, know when you are returning, and he will drop in a dedication at the appropriate time. **LWR** are at 37b New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8JR. Why don't those of you are coming to London for the 'Driftback 20' convention, drop him a line now, asking for a dedication on August 15th? Personally, I'm sending one to Camilla (Saturday's 6 - 9 pm)".

As usual, we thank Sid for the above summary of happenings on the London free radio scene over last weekend.

So far this weekend, the following stations have been heard on the air...**Greek Community Radio** on 88.4MHz... **Rock to Rock** on 90.0MHz... **TKO** on 90.6MHz... **Phase 1** on 90.9MHz... **Sky - FM** on 90.9MHz... **LWR** on 92.1MHz... **Studio 1** on 92.6MHz... **Solar 93** on 93.0MHz... **KISS FM** on 93.95MHz... **Time - FM** on 103.7MHz. and **London Greek Radio** on 105.0MHz. Also heard has been a carrier with a test tone on 94.3MHz. Earlier in the week on Wednesday night (1st July), tests from **Starpoint Radio** were heard on this frequency, and a relay of Radio Caroline was carried on Thursday night. An Indian station was also noted on 94.6MHz., but we are not sure of the origins of this. All the regulars have been heard, so it looks as though the DTI have been having another weekend off, although they were active in the North West of the country. One interesting note to this week's log, is that **Rock to Rock** are normally heard on 90.2MHz. and **RJR** on 90.0MHz. However, there was no sign of **RJR**, only **RTR** on 90.0MHz! Perhaps a merger?

**ESSEX.** A letter from **Radio Hot Wire** tells us that they made their final broadcast on 106.0MHz., on Tuesday 30th June. Apparently a few problems between the D.J.'s caused the breakup of the station. We wish the operators well, and hope they will return in the near future.

**SHORT WAVE STATIONS.** First off this week, Anthony Page has compiled a list of all the shortwave free radio stations heard in the period 11th January to 21st June. Anyone wanting a copy can send an SAE to Anthony at 17 Barlborough Road, Clowne, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbyshire S43 4RA.

**Log for Sunday 5th July 1987.**

6205kHz...**RADIO DUCK**, at 10:05gmt.  
6210kHz...**RADIO MARABU**, at 09:45gmt.  
6230kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST COMM.**, at 10:10gmt.  
6270kHz...**SATELLITE BROADCASTING CO.**, at 09:17gmt.  
6277kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:50gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:25gmt.  
6285kHz...**RADIO APOLLO**, at 08:10gmt.  
6290kHz...**4FWS**, at 08:07gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:00gmt.  
6300kHz...**W.M.R.**, at 10:00gmt.  
6315kHz...**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 10:20gmt.  
6850kHz...**UNID.(Gospel)**, at 08:25gmt.  
6930kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 08:42gmt.  
7310kHz...**RADIO MIRAGE INT.**, at 08:55gmt.  
73??kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 10:43gmt.

One word could describe today's short wave conditions in our area.... desperate! We only logged a few stations, as can be seen from those in **bold** in the above list. Other reporters fared a little better, but all told the same story, of periods of very good signals followed by nothing at all. Thanks to those who phoned in logs this week from Cheshire, Devon and the Midlands.

There was a bit of a mess around 6315kHz, during mid morning. Two stations were very close together causing a 1kHz whistle. Neither station was audible hear due to the whistle, although rock music was evident on one of them, presumably Radio Scorpio.

Radio Mirage were giving out an address of P.O. Box 2778, Elverhoy, N - 9001 Tromso, Norway. Judging by the skip this morning, this could well have been coming from Norway rather than being relayed in another country, as at the time we could not hear any other station.

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Our thanks as always to all this week's correspondents/callers.



# **The WEEKLY**

## **REPORT**

### **ANORAKS**

#### **The First with the News in Print**

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Following a meeting in Luton last Tuesday, 7th July, it was mutually agreed that from Thursday, 9th July, "Anoraks U.K." (based in Blackpool) would take over the retail division of "East Anglian Productions" (based in Frinton - on - Sea). This move has been made so that EAP can devote more time to what they specialise in, namely producing free radio merchandise and we, at AUK, in the meantime, can get on with distributing same, which we feel we specialise in. Both companies feel that this move will strengthen each's individual operation. Outstanding orders and queries with EAP, must be dealt with by EAP, but new orders for merchandise (both trade and retail) off EAP's current sales list, must be addressed to AUK in Blackpool.

Due to being somewhat short of cuttings about free radio this week, we decided to include a recent article called 'The raiders who could wreck Britain's radio'. It can be clearly seen from the contents of this article, why the British radio scene is so far behind that of the U.S and Canada. Basically it appears that a minority of narrow minded and selfish people, who probably class themselves as 'intellectuals' are trying to oppose any diversification of the radio system by making up stories about how poor the radio systems are in places such as the United States. One wonders whether any of these people have ever even been to the States, and are thus qualified to comment on it at all. Do they know for example, that between 87.5 and 92.0MHz., on the FM band, no commercial stations are allowed. In all cities, this space is taken up by public service broadcasters, University radio stations, and others financed by 'gifts'. This means that those people who want to hear such stations, pay an annual subscription to keep them on the air, unlike Britain, where you are forced to pay, even if you don't listen to or watch BBC programmes. Probably the most well known to British TV viewers, is WGBH (TV and FM) in Boston, who have produced many educational documentaries in conjunction with BBC TV. Compare the major city in each country, New York and London. Excluding the so called 'pirate stations', when visiting London, can you tune in any time of the day, and hear the news immediately? No, but you can in New York (WINS). Can you listen to rock music in London? No, but you can in New York (WNEW, WXRK). Can you listen to 'golden oldies' in London? No, but you can in New York (WCBS). Can you listen to a specialist soul/disco station in London? No, but you can in New York (WBLS, WRKS). We could go on and on. In New York City, there are in excess of 80 radio station serving all parts of the community, with musical and other tastes catered for, but in London there are just 6. Out of these 6, classical music and speech take up 3. This leaves the other three trying to cater for about 90% of the population of London. It can't be done properly. This is exactly why there are, and will continue to be so many 'pirate' stations on the air. One last little thought. Radio 3 has 1% of the total U.K. radio audience. If a classical station can be justified with only these figures, then why not a jazz station, a soul station, an oldies station, or a rock station, all of which could easily attract a far bigger percentage of listeners.

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Once again, we must sincerely thank all our valued correspondents and callers for their help in producing this sheet /magazine each week. There is no possible way we could obtain all the information from our location here in Blackpool. Apart from the news, cuttings from the papers are more than welcome, as again, we are unable to obtain your local papers in our area. Please note that over the weekend of 14 / 17th August, no one will be present at our headquarters to accept calls. We would appreciate written or phoned - in logs, especially for short wave, any time after 17th, on this occasion, in order that we may include them in our double issue the following week.

**"Driftback 20"** takes place on 15th August in the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in Central London. Organised by the Caroline Movement, details and a booking form, included in a small glossy brochure, can be obtained on request from ourselves, at the usual P.O. Box 539 address.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Not exactly new, but following a recent stocktake, a box of 25 of the long deleted, 1977 CBS single album, **"Veronica, The Day The Music Died"**, was discovered. Side 'A' features 100 of the excellent Veronica jingles, all detailed on the back cover. Side 'B' features 7 Veronica theme tunes. The colour picture cover is superb and shows the Veronica ship in calm waters off Holland, with the Mi Amigo in the background. Price is £7.99 and we expect them to sell out in a matter of days, so please order as quickly as you can to avoid disappointment..... We are delighted to report that production of loop / frame aerials is once again under way, following problems with the supply of wood frames. The loops cost £28, including postage and packing, and are a recommended and essential item for any medium wave DX -er / listener. This is an ideal time to purchase one, as we are now at the peak of the ground wave season, which is basically what the items are intended for, although in fairness, they do work with skywave signals (at night), except that the directional properties become confused with signals received out of the sky. Further details can be had, on request.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** The **U.K. Radio Story** is a 9 page, A4 publication telling the history of this Midlands - based

station from it's inception in 1977, right up to the present day, in fact it's first ten years. This story can be obtained for 50p from U.K. Radio, P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU..... **Short Wave Newsletter**, Issue 19. 6 x A4 sides of SW news, both legal and pirate. A sample copy can be obtained free of charge (WR readers only), from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH ..... **F.R.S. goes DX**, Issue No. 60. 20 action packed A5 pages in this latest issue, featuring short wave, offshore and much more. Well worth checking out. An annual subscription costs £5 from FRS Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands. (Ask for current sales list also)..... **Radiotelex**, Issue 102. Not just a new address, a new editorial staff also, we understand. The 4 x A5 page booklet seems unchanged and represents a good buy for the Sunday SW DX - er. Details of subscriptions to RT can be obtained, enclosing an IRC, from RT, Postfach 103771, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany..... **PLAY - DX** No. 468 has a slant towards South and Central America, with most of the logs coming from this area in the present conditions. Copies of station promos and newspaper cuttings are also included. For more information on this weekly publication, aimed mainly at transatlantic DX, write to Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.



**TAPE OFFER.** First off, due to an unbelievable demand for tapes, delays are occurring here, now! This is unavoidable due to 'real' time being used for copying. We are planning to add to our rather overworked machines, but until then, please bear with us. We stay on this side of the Atlantic for this week's selection of tapes. Tape 72, by request, features the excellent Kevin Turner, on his recent return to **Radio Caroline**. This breakfast show was recorded in Essex on 7th July. Kevin, a well travelled deejay, has appeared on many stations in Europe, including VOP, Blue Danube, Suirside Radio, Radio Sovereign and many more, where his popular style has made him a favourite with listeners. Tape 73 is again from Radio Caroline, but this time features new recruit David Baker, as broadcast on 9th July. One of the stations which David Baker used to work when he lived in Dublin, **Heartbeat FM** is the subject of Tape 74. This stereo recording was made on July 3rd, and your presenter for 90 minutes of 'Love Songs' is John Keogh. All tapes cost £2.00 each.

**FOR SALE.** Top quality broadcast transmitters, output 30 to 200 watts (AM) and 5 to 100 watts (FM). £15 discount available (July and August) to "WR" readers (offer applies to every third order). Send an SAE or IRC, together with a copy of "WR", to Electron Electronics, 6 Mountjoy Parade, N.C.R., Dublin 1, or P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU. (It must be pointed out that it is illegal to operate a transmitter in the U.K., without a Wireless Telegraphy Licence.)

**WANTED.** Good D.J.'s for an English language, 'Hot Hits', legal radio station, starting at the end of the year in Brussels..... Contact Herbert Visser, Van Nisspenstraat 10, Zevenaar, Holland.

**WANTED.** 'Green Grass' by The Ventures. Good condition record, or good quality tape, will do. Contact S. Craigen, 19 Nilverton Avenue, Sunderland SR2 7TS.

**CONTACTS.** Anyone interested in starting up an FM station in my area? If so, then drop me a line to C. Percival, 23 The Heath, Woly, Nr. Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 3HJ.

**WANTED.** Circuit diagram for a 1kw MW tx. Must be able to tune it up around 1404kHz. and must include PSU, modulation transformer and table of values. Willing to pay...Phone (after 18:00) 051 653 0318.

**WANTED.** R/F choke for a medium wave 25 watt transmitter..... contact TVR, 30 Pilkington St., North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

**GENERAL.** The Hertfordshire Branch of the Caroline Movement, are holding their next meeting on Sunday 19th July. This get together will start at 12 noon at the 'Frog and Rhubarb' public house, Church Road, Slip End, Near Luton, Bedfordshire. Further details can be obtained from Julian on 0582 425459, or Kevin on 0763 72948.

We understand from a correspondent, that mail addressed to Pirate Publications at P.O. Box 19, Herne Bay in Kent, is being returned by the Post Office, marked 'gone away'. It may be an idea, to delay sending anything there, until we have obtained further information, and possibly an alternative address.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.** A spokesman for the Laser organisation in New York informs us that everyone who sent for merchandise etc., as advertised on 'Laser Hot Hits 576' some months ago, should begin to receive their goods very shortly. They apologise for this unfortunate delay due to a number of unforeseen circumstances.

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## RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND. DUBLIN.

The station reported last week by Brian in Dungannon, on 105.6MHz., which he thought identified as **LLCR**, turned out to be **Dundrum Community Radio**. We received the station last Sunday evening, after we went to print, and they were heard to announce the frequency of 105.5MHz. This station was previously heard on 104.7MHz., and we are not sure if this latest channel is instead of, or in addition to the original channel.

Greg Gaughran was heard, as announced, on **Q 102** last Monday, and all week, standing in for the holidaying Scott Williams. The line - up this week has thus been.... 06:00 Greg Gaughran... 10:00 Dave Kelly... 14:00 Al Dunne... 19:00 Jason Maine... 24:00 Mike Duggan. The station, whose FM frequencies are now 101.9 and 102.4MHz. can still be heard, from time to time, on the original high power channel of 103.5MHz., although only on low power now. We cannot hear the latter any longer, here, in Blackpool.

A local correspondent, Katie, tells us that last Saturday but one, 4th July 1987, at about 21:30 bst., **Energy 103** played the famous 'three songs in a row'. On hearing these, she phoned in, hoping to get in with a chance of winning the £10,000 advertised. A friendly voice on the other end of the telephone told her that the station she was listening to, despite calling itself Energy, was in fact a bogus one. She, along with ourselves, was justifiably puzzled. On the Radio West free radio show today, Boyneside Radio's Heady Eddie, telephoned in, and said that rumours suggested that Energy had had their FM (also link to the 738 AM) transmitter stolen. The thief no doubt at this point, transmitted his version of the Energy giveaway song sequence, on 103.0Mhz. On checking the FM band here, despite a poor channel, it was noted that the transmissions from the station on 103, were distinctly weaker than previously, suggesting a different transmitter (a new one or maybe a borrowed one), also, on Monday, the 738kHz. MW was distorted. We have no further details at this stage.

**Phoenix Radio**, heard on 107MHz., for some time, have been moving about the FM band, and have been logged on 98 and 94MHz. They appear to have settled on the latter frequency.

A station has been logged on 105.5MHz., with continuous music and identifying as **Power Sounds 106.5 FM**. Broadcasting in stereo from Stillorgan, they had recently been heard on 108MHz.

**Co. GALWAY.** A major new station began test transmissions in Galway City on Friday 10th July. Calling itself "**Coast 100**", this new station has had major investment ploughed into it. Presently broadcasting on 99.7MHz.FM, they hope to be operating on medium wave, within days. Staff on the station include stalwarts, Keith York and Steve Marshall. The address for the station is 24 Prospect Hill, Galway.

**Co. WICKLOW.** On listening to **Viking 105**, from Wicklow town, we were pleased to hear the voice of Tony Allan, once again. Tony had popped down to Cork, to do some work at ERI, but appears to be back. We are not sure at this stage, if he has a weekday show lined up.

**Co. WESTMEATH.** Don Allen was heard back on the air on last Monday's breakfast show, following his recent absence, not due to holidays, as we thought, but apparently due to a tragedy.

**Co. LOUTH.** We were expecting to hear Radio Sovereign today, as promised, but nothing was heard at all, despite us rising at an early hour, to check same. On the Radio West Anorak show, Heady Eddie was heard to say that Sovereign would go ahead, once payment for the hire of the transmitters was forthcoming.

**Co. OFFALY.** A letter in, this week, confirms that there are two stations on the air in Tullamore. **Power 102**, which is apparently situated above an electrical shop in Market Square, are currently testing on 102.25MHz., from a transmitter situated in Durrow, about 3 miles from Tullamore. They are working on the AM transmitter at present, which will operate on 1116kHz., with 3.5kw of power. In fact, we have checked this channel and noticed a hum in the last couple of days, which was not evident before, suggesting that they may indeed, have got something on the air. They were hoping to start officially last Monday, and may well have done so, with D.J.'s from Dublin. The other station is **Central Radio** in O'Molloy Street. Their FM transmitter is very low powered and cannot be received very far from the town.



Co. KILDARE. KLB in Newbridge, who used to operate on 102.4MHz., have now moved up to 103.4MHz., as a result, no doubt, of Q 102's move to this channel, with their powerful transmitter.

**CAROLINE 558.** Following the complete staff change of last weekend, the Monday line - up read as follows..... 05:00 Kevin Turner, 09:00 David Baker, 13:00 Tony Peters, 17:00 John Tyler, 21:00 Jamie King, 01:00 Close down. David Baker's background was described in last week's issue, although, in fairness, we did not mention his name until after he had actually appeared on air. Due to resident newsreader, Steve Conway now being on shore leave, news is being shared between three of the D.J.'s. John Tyler usually does the honours on the breakfast show, at lunchtime it is read by Kevin Turner and during drive time by Tony Peters, but even this has varied. A couple of items heard over the air, that we failed to note, due to not being able to listen all the time..... On Saturday 20th June, Peter Philips announced on his show that on one day the previous week, a helicopter had hovered over the 'Ross' in its new position, a rope ladder was dropped and a man lowered himself down on to the deck. Following greeting a couple of deejays and crew and shaking hands, the man then returned up the ladder and disappeared on to the horizon! Also, on Wednesday 1st July, during his evening show, Paul Graham said that passing the 'Ross' a few miles away, were four or five naval frigates on an exercise. A little while later, they passed close by the ship which caused some excitement amongst the staff and crew. A second helicopter came close by, causing Paul to comment that they had never seen so much action since they arrived at the new anchorage, what with helicopters and car ferries.

We have noticed that reference is once again being made to the specific anchorage of the ship, when the weather reports are read out on the half hour. Occasionally they are now concluded with the phrase 'the sea conditions in the South Falls are.....'. Kevin Turner was heard to say that we had not to worry as the 'Ross' was not in the actual shipping lanes, despite constant mentions of passing ferries etc. They are, however, very close which is alright when the weather is calm, as the passing vessels provide a talking point and must make all on board feel that little bit nearer civilisation, but what about during storms? Let us hope that the anchor holds fast. Jamie had a few problems keeping a straight face on her programme on Wednesday night, 8th July and kept breaking into fits of giggles, due to Tony Peters being in the background reciting some rather 'naughty' nursery rhymes. She called him a spoilsport when he declined to recite some during his own show the following afternoon. Today, strange things seem to be happening, as, around lunchtime, a series of 'numbers for the office' were heard read out. Programmes were increased to five hours duration each, starting with Tony Peters at 05:00, Kevin Turner at 10:00, John Tyler at 15:00 (the time of going to print). This suggests that only one more D.J. will appear today (Jamie King or David Baker), and close - down may be at 01:00. No news has been heard by us today and it is possible that there has been no news service at all. We hope that everything is alright out there. Further up - dates on this matter will be available on our info - line (see earlier for number).

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR. M.V. NANNELL. THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No news has reached us regarding any of the above three operations. We do know that all three are in the same position as before, and we await further reports etc.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** No further stations were received here last Sunday evening, in addition to those mentioned in last week's issue, although Tim Jackson, in his Merseyside Report, mentioned 'intermittant test transmissions' from **Scott FM**, on 102.3MHz. and 'irregular transmissions' from **Concept Radio** on 104.3MHz. On Monday, noted as usual, were **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz., still on low power following location changes. **Radio Atlantis** were also heard from mid morning, on 936kHz., with their usual style of music programming, leaning towards rock. **Radio Atlantis** now operate a seven day a week service, starting at about 11:00 each day and at 09:00 on Sundays. The free radio show, which can be heard each Sunday at 10:00 until 11:00, seems to be doing quite well and a slightly different approach in presentation is taken. Station excerpts from years gone

by are regularly featured. These include land - based and offshore stations. Andy Davies (the old MAR D.J.) was expected to be heard today at midday, but was apparently unable to make it. He is expected to be heard tomorrow, however.

A correspondent in Burnley, tells us that he logged **CD - FM** last Monday evening, on 105.5MHz.

**Radio Julie** have unfortunately been forced to close down for the time being. After several attempted raids by the DTI, which have failed to have any effect, a back door method has been adopted. The station operator, Andy Davies (not the MAR one!) has been evicted from his council flat because of illegal broadcasting. He has four weeks to move out. In addition, his flat was 'broken into' and the transmitter and aerial were stolen. The station personnel are convinced that the DTI were responsible. Apparently, from reports, we have been told that the council are at present, turning down applications for flats, from known pirate radio operators.

**Radio Merseywaves** returned on Friday, as normal, still with reduced power and still beset with audio problems. Mark Palmer was noted on breakfast on Friday morning, but on Saturday, we were delighted to hear the voice of Dave Collins, despite being an hour late(!), making a welcome return after a number of weeks absent. The DTI have once again been active in their area, and the station is being extra vigilant at present.

Two unidentified signals have been heard emanating from the Merseyside area this week. Firstly, on Saturday afternoon, an extremely strong carrier was heard on 102.4MHz. At times, this carrier was modulated with airchecks of London stations, TKO and Traffic and old Radio Nova (Dublin) recordings. Later on, tests tones were also heard, and by late afternoon, these intermittent signals had disappeared with no apparent identification. The source of the signal was without doubt, this area.

The second unidentified station, playing non - stop music, was heard after midnight on Saturday night (11th), on 105.3MHz. Again, nothin was heard which could have identified this one, either.

On listening on Sunday morning, mention on **Radio Atlantis**, was made of a new station about to commence transmissions on 90.2MHz. The station name was to be **Network 9**, but as yet, we have been unable to receive any transmissions, if indeed, any have gone out, nor have we received any reports of same.

**THE MIDLANDS.** On a trip South this week, a quick tune along the FM band, revealed **Radio PCRL**, on 103.6MHz., in mono, but with a massive signal, heard from well North of Wolverhampton, to around Coventry, with good strength. Many adverts were noted, the majority of which were for forthcoming functions. The music was mainly reggae and the audio levels were a bit 'up and down'. Doubtless, most of the ethnic community will be constantly tuned in.

**BRISTOL.** A report from this city, indicates that "**103.5 FM**" have been operating almost every weekend, on said frequency. A 'special' was broadcast on 21st June, with a 'Baldrick and Meltewt Show' coming 'live' from a caravan at Stonehenge. Funnies were include throughout the show. The most recent logging of this station is dated last Sunday 5th July, with programming from 19:00 until 23:00. Line - up, which is the same every broadcast is.... 19:00 Baldrick's Duke Box, 20:00 Baldrick and Lord Meltewt's Sweaty Sunday Show, 21:00 Andy Chapman's Sky - Rock, 22:30 Baldrick's Late Night Kebab House. This station seems to spend a lot of time on the entertainment side, rather than music only. Another station, although somewhat intermittent, calls itself **Bad Radio** and can be heard on 106.5MHz.

**MANCHESTER.** **Independent Community Radio (ICR)** were once again on the air in the North West region, around 103.5MHz. We were not sure about **Sunshine Radio**, as no reports are at hand, although they normally operate every Saturday night, between 20:00 and 23:00, on 91.8MHz.

**YORKSHIRE / HUMBERSIDE / DERBYSHIRE.** Somewhat rather unusual broadcast hours are now being operated by **ABC FM** in Leeds. In addition to their current weekend schedule, they are also operating on weekday afternoons (rare for stations outside London), on at least one day this week (Monday). Transmissions are still reported to be in mono, but their signal is good on 94.6MHz. Yet more black music and community news can be heard on **Music City Radio**. This station now operate each night of the



week, from around 18:00 until after midnight, on 90.3MHz. Additionally, they can also be heard on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Transmissions have reverted to mono once again, but the signal covers as far South as Chesterfield in Derbyshire. **Radio Veronica** from Bradford, have been noted on occasions, in the late evenings, on 105.6MHz. The best time to look out for them is Sunday evening.

**ESSEX.** **Canvey Radio** continue to be heard in the Benfleet/Southend area of Essex. Broadcasts commence every Sunday at 10:00 for the rest of the day. Local news is also included, every hour. The frequency is 93.1MHz. **Sunshine Radio** were back on the air today, on 90.5MHz. However, the signal was reported as not travelling too well at all. A station calling itself **Southend Community Radio**, has been operating in the evenings recently, around 92.8MHz. They have been causing problems to the reception of Canvey Radio in some areas, and also been heard to be using foul language over the air. As a result, the operators of Canvey Radio 'raided' the station to try and sort out the situation.

**HERTFORDSHIRE.** **Radio Neptune** made a rare broadcast today on 1566kHz., and were heard as far South as Surrey.

**LONDON.** In his report for 3rd - 7th July, Sid made 22 contacts, all being identified, with 12 in stereo, and one new station identifying as **City Radio** (94.2MHz.). **Sky FM** (91.6) also switched on the stereo.

"Little DTI activity has been noted recently, although the Greek stations seem to be coming and going with their normal regularity. Now that the DTI can no longer confiscate studio equipment, are they sitting back planning some new tactic, or maybe this heralds the quiet before the storm? The second of the two big pirate anniversaries is rapidly approaching, and we wonder whether a concerted effort is about to be launched to reduce the number of stations before the middle of August.

**Community Development Radio** (88.7) still seem to be in test mode, with comings and goings at odd times.

**LWR** (92.05) dropped out on Sunday, and all that we heard until Monday morning, was a very noisy carrier. Monday evening (6th July) they were heard with back-to-back test tapes, but with the interference continuing. It was a bit like listening to music through a high powered portable air conditioner.

**London Rock** (104.3 - AOR) were testing on Friday evening (3rd July), and trailing programmes for Saturday. Reception in central London was clear and strong, although the sound was a little thin, and could have done with the bass being turned up a bit. Shame they didn't make in on the air for Saturday.

Blackheath based new soul and reggae station **Fresh - FM** (94.4MHz.) have had a slight re - alignment to bring them onto their announced frequency of 94.4MHz., and have finally burst forth into stereo, albeit only briefly. This did give us the chance to appreciate the stereo mixes of Bill Mitchell voice overs, complete with digital processing. Reception seems to be improving although power doesn't seem to be as high as their first broadcasts. **Fresh FM** have received an unexpected boost this last week or two from virtually all the other stations (both legit and pirate), who have been playing a ragamuffin reggae track by Red Dragon, called 'Fresh'. Mostly in patois, the one noticeable feature is the continuous repetition of the word 'fresh'. Funnily enough, it hasn't been heard on Fresh itself as yet.

A couple of notches down the dial at 94.2MHz., is the new stereo reggae and soul station **City Radio** formed by a breakaway group from **RJR** (90.0 stereo). No Bill Mitchell voice overs here, just home made ID's. Already 24 hour, and it is presumed it is going to be a seven day operation, although their appearance has been somewhat sporadic this weekend. There was an identification problem on Saturday evening when it was found that **KISS - FM** (93.95 stereo), was also being broadcast on 94.2MHz. Why this

was so is not known. It could have been **City** rebroadcasting **KISS** for test purposes, or even **KISS** with a 'dirty' transmitter putting out a strong secondary spurious signal.

This part of the band is now getting pretty crowded. With **KISS - FM** on 93.95MHz. stereo, **City Radio** on 94.2MHz., stereo and **Fresh - FM** on 94.4MHz., this does leave 94.3MHz. open at least for **R - FM** (stereo). This can mean the very careful placement of aerials to receive the station of your choice. For mobiles the problem is compounded by moving area to area.

A similar problem has become apparent further down the band around 90.0MHz. **RJR** have been sitting on 90.0 (stereo) for some time now, but **Quest - FM** have returned on 89.85MHz., and a recent increase in power has seen a spurious signal on 90.05MHz. The problem has been made worse by **Rock to Rock** relocating down from 90.2 to 90.1MHz, with a bandsread into 90.0 in certain parts of South London, and intermingling with both **RJR** and **Quest FM** to form a particularly nasty mess.

Maybe it is time for an All - London Pirate Radio Frequency Allocation meeting, where all these kind of problems can be ironed out.

Don't forget, picture postcards to **LWR** for dedications on the weekend of August 15th"

Our thanks as always to Sid for his excellent reports.

Most stations have been heard as normal this weekend and the following have been reported to us...**Greek Community Radio** on 88.4MHz., **Rock to Rock** on 90.2MHz., **TKO** on 90.5MHz., **Phase 1** on 90.9MHz., **Sky FM** on 91.6MHz., **LWR** on 92.05MHz., **Studio One** on 92.7MHz., **Solar 93** on 93.0MHz., **Kiss FM** on 93.95MHz., **City Radio** on 94.2MHz., **RFM** on 94.3MHz., **Starpoint Radio** on 94.35MHz., **Traffic Radio** on 97.9MHz., **Time FM** on 103.7MHz., **JBC** on 104.7MHz. and **London Greek Radio** on 105.0MHz. Additionally, an Asian station was noted on 94.6MHz. **TKO**, whilst being heard early on Saturday, have not been noted since.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Log for Sunday 12th July 1987.**

6205kHz...**RADIO NEPTUNE INT.**, at 09:36gmt.  
6210kHz...**UNID.**, at 08:58gmt.  
6210kHz...**ABC RADIO**, at 12:18gmt.  
6225kHz...**RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 09:30gmt.  
6232kHz...**SUD WEST RADIO**, at 09:04gmt.  
6240kHz...**BOYNESIDE RADIO 244**, at 09:52gmt.  
6240kHz...**WLR**, at 10:15gmt.  
6260kHz...**F.R.S. HOLLAND**, at 09:12gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09:35gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY**, at 12:12gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11:00gmt.  
6285kHz...**RADIO MIRAGE INT.**, at 08:41gmt.  
6285kHz...**POGO 104**, at 09:46gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO LIMIT**, at 08:13gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:49gmt.  
6301kHz...**W.F.R.L.**, at 09:06gmt.  
6306kHz...**RADIO POGO 104**, at 10:23gmt.  
6312kHz...**R. IRELAND INT.**, at 08:46gmt.  
6312kHz...**PULSAR 98**, at 09:05gmt.  
6315kHz...**RADIO SCORPIO**, at 09:49gmt.  
6850kHz...**RADIO SOUNDS INT.**, at 10:19gmt.  
6930kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:10gmt.  
7325kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:40gmt.

Conditions today were very poor, with no stations heard here in Blackpool, with a particularly good constant signal. As usual, the logs in bold were heard by us, and others kindly phoned in to us by listeners in Devon, Manchester, the Midlands and Surrey, on (0253) 882017.

**Radio Ireland** were heard re-broadcasting an old recording from about one year ago. The tape was then apparently interrupted, and station operator Tony, announced that the 'Two Tony's Show' was now being aired on a Thursday night on **Pulsar 98**. We understand that this station was then relayed on 6312kHz., although due to poor reception conditions here, we were unable to hear any of this. Tony also mentioned that airtime could be purchased on the 6312kHz. transmitter for a fee of £5 per hour, so any interested parties should contact the station at 31 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1, EIRE.

Amendments to last Sunday's SW log from Podney  
R.Sixe..... 6220kHz... Unid.(Dutch) at 10:10gmt.....  
6270kHz.... **Radio Valleri** at 09:51gmt.





# **The WEEKLY REPORT**

## **ANORAKS**

### **The First with the News in Print**

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P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

Free radio received a tremendous boost last Monday evening at 23:00, when Channel 4 screened an excellent one hour documentary entitled "The Black and White Pirate Show". A lot of old footage was screened, some, we had not seen before. Many familiar faces appeared on the screen, including Robbie Dale, Tony Blackburn, Johnnie Walker and a very young Tony Benn! All these and much more, were in Birmingham Film and Video Workshop's exploration of why Pirate Radio has been (and still is), a persistent feature of British Broadcasting since the early 1960's. The DTI has been active once again this week, on home ground, Merseyside to be more precise, where a number of stations have suffered raids. Details later. Reading material - wise, it has been a good week, with three major publications arriving virtually on the same day, Monitor, CM Bulletin and Now Radio.

**Weekly Report and Cuttings** is produced weekly, and posted each Sunday evening from Blackpool. To become a subscriber, the cost per week is as follows..... First Class (U.K.), also EEC Countries, including Eire, 35p..... Second Class, (U.K. only), 30p..... EEC Countries (Switzerland etc.), 40p..... Elsewhere (via Air Mail), 50p. You may subscribe for as many weeks as you wish.

**The Anoraks U.K. Info - Line** is open at all times and you will hear the latest news and information by calling (0795) 510764. If you have any news for us to use on the line or in the report, you may leave it after the whistle tone, but please do not leave any messages about merchandise or subscriptions, as the line is not operated from Blackpool.

**"Driftback 20"** is the Caroline Movement's planned convention to be held on Saturday 15th August 1987, in the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel in Central London. If you have not received a booking form from ourselves or from CM, and wish to attend, then please drop us a line and we will see you get one. The whole A - UK team will be in attendance there, with a bigger than normal sales stand, following the takeover of EAP's retail division. We hope to see you there too.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Again this week, not new, but recently acquired, a limited number of the single L.P., **"USA and Canada on the Air"**. Produced in Finland in co-operation with the Finnish DX Association, this record is a must for all those interested in American radio. The L.P. features extracts from over 40 North American and Canadian AM and FM radio stations, programme extracts, jingles, station id's, promotions and commercials from stations like WABC - New York, KSAN - San Francisco, KGU - Honolulu, WQBA - Miami, WXYZ - Detroit, WNOX - Knoxville, CFCO - Ontario, to mention but a few. The price for this L.P. is £7.99..... Never a week goes by without some shortage or other and this week is no exception. Delays are occurring with the supply of EAP's C.7 cassette, **"Caroline, Laser and Monique Jingles"**. This is due to staff holidays, we are told and supplies should be forthcoming once again, very shortly..... All copies of the Veronica L.P., advertised last week, have now been sold..... Finally, Monitor 36 is on it's way, we understand. A sample copy is at hand and the issue contains 84 pages, packed with all the offshore stories and logs. This latest issue comes with a glossy black and white cover and orders are now being accepted. The price is £1.90 and people who receive it direct from Monitor in Essex, should bear this amount in mind when 'donating' more than the minimum requested.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** The Caroline Movement Bulletin, Issue 32 arrived after some delay at the printers, we believe. The issue contains 48 pages of stories and in-depth articles associated with the offshore scene. For more details, contact CM at BCM - BRFM, London WC1N 3XX..... **Now Radio**, Issue 31, the regular bi-monthly magazine for the radio listener and broadcaster alike, arrived and contains 28 x A5 pages, featuring a round up of responses to the Green Paper, 'Radio: Choices and Opportunities'. A sample copy can be yours for £1, from Now Radio, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 ONW..... **PLAY - DX**, Issue 469, 6 x A4 pages of logs and QSL replies, printed partly in English, Italian and Spanish. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **CM Thanet Newsletter**, No. 19. 2 x A4 sheets of local and offshore news from this active Kent branch. An SAE to CM THanet, 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Near Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ, will ensure a copy.

**"MARINE OFFENCES ACT - 20 YEAR SPECIAL"**. This is a 90 minute tape, specially produced for 14th August, by **Freewave Magazine** from Holland. The commentary is in both English and Dutch, but most of the cassette is filled with excellent quality extracts from all the 'British' offshore stations, including CNBC, the first station aimed

at the U.K., a mystery station, Radio 310 and lots of the original adverts broadcast on Radio Caroline in her first four years of broadcasting. All airchecks are prior to 1968, and the majority have not been heard by us on other documentaries. The cost of this cassette is just £4.00, which includes postage and packing, from Hans Knot, P.O. Box 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland.

**TAPE OFFER.** It's back to land for all of this week's recordings. From Leeds, Tape 75 features one of the two 'black' music stations located in the city, ABC - FM. This is a true 'black artist' station, as it doesn't just play the normal soul/disco type music, but also plays rock music from artists such as Jimi Hendrix. Female D.J. Sid, is your host for this afternoon programme from Tuesday 7th July. ABC FM only broadcast in mono. In New York, Vin Scelsa is your host for Tape 76, a Sunday morning show called 'Idiots Delight', which is broadcast on WNEW - FM at this time every week. He mixes general comments about news and other happenings in with the rock music. Sometimes he also holds interviews with local rock personalities. This recording dates from 14th June. There is another chance to hear **"HOT 103"** (WQHT - FM), from New York on Tape 77. This time we offer a Saturday programme from June 13th. Plenty of 'compression', fast talk and music on this one! All recordings are 90 minutes long, and cost £2.00 each.

**CONTACTS.** English presenters with studio equipment would like to meet Irish counterparts with a view to setting up a new radio station in a good market area in Ireland (preferably not Dublin). We can supply studio end - we need partners to supply the transmitters, MW (1kw minimum) and FM (200 watts min.). If you fit the bill, write immediately to Media Promotions, P.O. Box 32, Scunthorpe, South Humberside, England.

**CONTACTS.** I would like to correspond with free radio/pirate enthusiasts/broadcasters etc., anywhere in the U.K and Europe.... Doug Sharrard, 64 Brighton Road, (Moreton Road Estate), Leicester LE5 0HA.

**FOR SALE.** Hi - Quality, L - C VHF TX, with Linear, for total 20 watt output. Ideal QRP FM TX-er, drift free. Details from RTR, Box 140, Ashford, Kent.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** Virtually all of Laser's programme output (05:00-22:00) on 8/12/86, airchecked and condensed onto three C-60's, at a bargain price of £3.00 per set in U.K., £5.00 in Europe/Eire. Cash, cheques, or U.K. Postal orders payable to I.R. Salmon. Send to N.W.R.P. Tapes, New Woodlands, Shroffold Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 5PD. All profits from the tapes go to raising money to build a radio studio at New Woodlands School.



**GENERAL.** P.O. Box available for free radio station use. For more details, send an SAE requesting same, to ABC, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND. DUBLIN.** Things have been ticking along fairly smoothly in the city over the past week, meaning that news from this quarter is a bit thin on the ground, so to speak. **Energy 103** have been having a few problems with the audio feed to their AM 738kHz. transmitter. For a few days during the early part of the week, it sounded as if there was a problem with the receiver at the AM site, with lots of crackling, and a hissy signal at times. This was rectified however during mid-week. According to reports, the station has a new sign outside their Leeson Street headquarters, reading "Energy Power 103".

At **Q 102**, Scott Williams duly returned from holidays to re-join the breakfast show, although he was missing his 'Eye in the Sky' partner on Wednesday morning, as the helicopter was grounded due to inclement conditions. Jason Maine has been missing from his evening show, and we assume it is now his turn for holidays.

It is **Sunshine 101 FM's** turn to make the papers, this time their 'Big Kahuna' competition seems to have angered the tax man who frowns on 'fringe benefits' (the competition winner stands to win £45,000 this way).

**Co. LOUTH.** Following the disappointment last week with the non-appearance of **Radio Sovereign** on 1521kHz., SW and FM, the station duly appeared with more test transmissions from early this morning. The tests were basically the same as previously plus a couple of extra inserts, giving out telephone numbers for eager advertisers to contact the new station on. A call just in from Now Radio Communications tells us that proper programming will begin next Sunday at 06:00 until 18:00, but Sundays only at present. Presenters will be.... 06:00 Ron Brown, 09:00 Jay Jackson, 12:00 Chris Elliott, 15:00 Paul Graham.

**Co. SLIGO,** where good friend Chris tells us that **Westside Community Radio**, on 97.5MHz., are now in stereo, since 6th July. Apparently, this is causing some problems with interference and as a result, the station has been heard on a number of frequencies up and down the band. Current adverts heard, include ones for 'Coach Electric', Grannie's Kitchen, Hunter's Coal and Meldrums - Builders Suppliers.

**Co. DONEGAL.** **KTOK** from Donegal town was reported as being heard on 1566kHz. AM, on a car radio in Rosses Point, five miles West of Sligo town. Dave James (ex Caroline and VOP) works on this station, but as yet, we have little information about it at all.

**Co. GALWAY.** The new station reported last week has now changed its frequency, possibly due to overcrowding around the 100MHz. area, and is now on 103MHz., calling itself '**Coast 103**'. Their first regular programme schedule is as follows... 06:00 'The Zoo' with Chris Ashford and Brian McCoy 10:00 Steve Marshall 14:00 Barry Williams 18:00 Rick O'Shea 21:00 Brian Walsh 00:00 Chris Gray. Medium wave transmissions hope to start as soon as a transmitter has become available, although a frequency has yet to be decided upon.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Some news has just arrived about recent staff changes on board. Mike Darby has now returned home for the next four weeks, but is due to return to the station on 14th August. Also due back in the U.K. on 21st July, is Mike Davis who will no doubt be making us all jealous at the CM Convention, with tales of all the hot weather out in the Eastern Mediterranean, as well as stories about life on board the m.v. Peace. The two Mike's places are to be taken by two new members of staff, Richard Steed and Steve Miller, the latter being from the United States but presumably not the pop star of the same name. Other presenters are currently Neil Armstrong, Alex Lee, Paul Frazer, Steve Richards and Tim Shepherd (who also doubles as transmitter engineer). The new AM transmitter on 1539kHz. (announced as 1540kHz.), is now well into service and can be heard clearly as far away as Port Said and Sinai. The FM continues to serve Tel Aviv on 100MHz.

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR.** Again, we have no firm news to report, although lots of stories seem to be 'doing the rounds'. A 'trip to the ships' is planned for this weekend (the last for a couple of weeks or so, we understand), and first hand news is expected on Monday or so. Any startling revelations will appear on our info line on Tuesday. Following the announcement about Laser goods, printed in last week's report, a rather nice 'Laser-headed' letter dropped through the letter box this week, with 'Greetings from the U.S.A.', along with an equally splendid 'Laser Hot Hits' T-Shirt. It explained briefly what was happening, and went on to say what else was available in the line of memorabilia. We assume that everyone who wrote to Laser in New York, will have received one, or will be in line to receive one in due course.

**CAROLINE 558.** Following a change to five hour shifts last Sunday, David Baker subsequently failed to appear that day, or indeed since. We can only assume that he has left the ship, at this stage, for reasons unknown. The line-up for the week, thus read.... 05:00 Kevin Turner, 10:00 John Tyler, 15:00 Tony Peters,

20:00 Jamie King, until close - down at 01:00. News has been read by 'all and sundry' including Ferry Eden on Friday last, at 08:30. This very popular Dutch D.J. was welcomed back on Monday morning by Kevin. The last time he was on board was June of last year. Apparently he keeps the place neat and tidy and as well as cooking and making frequent cups of tea, and looks after the Dutch D.J.'s also. He can currently be heard from 06:00 until 08:00 daily. John Tyler has been heard reading International news on Monique at 08:30, with Jamie King doing the honours at 15:30. According to Tony Peters on Thursday, it was so clear, that not only houses, but the windows could be seen, as well, in nearby Margate. (Despite moving further out to sea, the ship is now actually anchored nearer land than it was before, about 14 miles North East of Margate). On Saturday, as here, the weather was apparently not too good, and Kevin Turner was heard to remark about this and 'last night's curry'. It certainly sounded as if he was a bit under the weather. A couple of adverts recently heard include one for another Brighton Record Fair, to be held on Sunday 19th July, and one for the Belga Pop Festival, to be held at Ostend Airport on Friday 24th July. Tickets and transport for the latter, can be obtained from the Miracle Bus Company in London.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. \* \* \* \* \*** **MERSEYSIDE.** The news from this area, has been both good and bad this week. The good news was that two new powerful FM stations came on the air, and the bad was the raiding of two of the regulars and possibly one of the new ones. Last Monday, 13th July, programmes commenced on **Radio Atlantis**, 936kHz., as normal, at 11:00. The station was into its eleventh day of its 7 day broadcasting schedule. Andy Davies (of MAR fame), finally made it to the air between 13:00 and 14:00. However, at 16:00, during the playing of the on hour station theme tune, 'Atlantis', the record slowed down and stopped and the transmitter left the air. Later, we learnt that the station had been the subject of a raid by 8 DTI men, plus 2 policemen, who had in their possession, two warrants, for the flats of both operators, Rick Dane and Stephen Bishop. Despite this, the station returned just before 11:00 the following day, Tuesday 14th, with a stand-by transmitter and taped programmes. Stephen Bishop then described the reasons for the absence from the airwaves. He said that the DTI entered the flats complex at around 16:00, knocking on the door and shouting through the letter box, for 'Mr Bishop', to open the door. At this point, Stephen switched off the power and proceeded to the door, whereupon it was kicked off its hinges and the enemy entered. They produced the warrant and subsequently removed transmitter, audio equipment, cassettes and 227 single records. These records were apparently not part of the station, and a writ against the DTI is in the process of being served, for stealing them. It is thought that part of the team came from London and were intent on catching someone, after being thwarted earlier in the day, on the other side of the River Mersey, after they attempted to raid **Radio Merseywaves**. They were not successful there, due to RMW's elaborate security system, which warned the operators of 'imminent attack'. The station left the air at around mid-day, but returned later in the early evening, to continue until their normal close-down time in the early hours of Tuesday. Again, some problems were noted with the link from the studio to the main transmitter on 1242kHz.

Despite all this DTI activity and the loss of Radio Julie the week before, two new stations sprung up that same Monday evening. The first one we noticed, was "**Decibel Transmissions International**", on 106.25MHz. They kept referring to the station as DTI - FM, suggesting that it was a one-off broadcast following the earlier raid. However the station was duly heard on Tuesday with an even stronger signal, from about 21:47. They obviously intend to stay, as D.J.'s were being sought. A telephone number was announced for this purpose. Tests from this station were also heard on Wednesday, 15th July, but were distorted at times. A little later, the station abruptly left the air with the words "we're going off now, DTI alert". They have not been heard since, and so we are not sure whether they were raided or not.

The second new station heard on Monday was a test transmission for **Horizon Radio**. This, in fact, was the same transmitter as reported as 'unidentified' by us, the previous Saturday, although we have reports of the station identifying itself, later in the evening, on the same frequency of 105.3MHz. They too, appeared on Tuesday, with the first of their regular programmes, at around 19:00. This station is believed to be an off-shoot of Radio Julie and the first voice we heard was that station's Neil Bishop. They were heard to announce intended broadcasts every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 19:00 until mid-night. A mailing address was given out... 11 Massey Street, Birkenhead, Merseyside L41 4JU. Horizon were late on the air on Wednesday night, and later still were just heard with nonstop music. Both the new stations were received here in Blackpool with a good signal, in mono only (Horizon was in stereo, but hissy at this distance). DTI had the edge in strength but the audio was occasionally too high and thus distorted. Tim Jackson, in his report for last week, mentions Horizon Radio and says that he picked it up first at about 11:39



on Sunday morning last, after apparently signing on at 11:00. It was announced as a 'test' and closed down at 12:08. D.J.'s were announced as Neil Bishop, DJ Cressy, Toni West, Tony Hayes and DJ Trix.

**Radio Veronica** were reportedly heard from 12:00 till 13:00 last Sunday, on 104.7MHz., with Neil Frazer. On Friday morning 17th, from 01:00 until 03:00, the same reporter logged **Mersey Sound FM** on 105.45MHz., with Mike M.

More bad news occurred on Friday afternoon, when the DTI finally managed to get through the defences of **Radio Merseywaves**. There had been an attempt on Monday, but this had failed due to many lookouts. However, there were obviously not enough around on Friday lunchtime, and at about 12:45, the DTI raided the station whilst Jeff Starr was on the air. Jeff was the only staff member at the station at the time, and was subsequently charged. As with **Radio Atlantis** earlier in the week, the **Radio Merseywaves** studios were completely cleared out, with the only consolation being that the records were left untouched. Even the aerial wire was apparently taken. We understand that **Radio Merseywaves** will now be off the air for about one month. Budding photographer Dave Collins, and his producer 'Soz Woz' apparently took some photographs of the event (from a distance), which should be interesting if they come out. **Radio Atlantis** returned to the air on Friday morning at 11:00 from new studios in Liverpool. They continued through until closedown at 17:00, with no problems and Andy Davies being heard for much of the afternoon. The station duly continued over the weekend and were the only regular alternative we were able to listen to, from this area.

A report in, comments on our recent mentions of irregular transmissions from **Mersey FM**, and of forthcoming transmissions from a 'Network 9'. It appears that these two stations are one and the same, as the report goes on to say that last Sunday (12th), transmissions commenced on 90.3MHz., with a relay of **Radio Atlantis**. 'Own programmes' followed and the frequency was moved down to 90.2MHz., later in the day. The station then identified as 'Network 9' and gave out the mailing address... 44 Birchfield Close, Liverpool, the same address **Mersey FM** give out.

Despite constant bandscans, very little was noted here on FM, over the weekend, apart from **Slag - Off Int.**, briefly on Saturday night and again on Sunday afternoon, on 105.2MHz., with distorted audio. **Radio Veronica** were also noted today, around lunchtime, on 104.6MHz., with much interference from the BBC on 104.5MHz.

**THE MIDLANDS.** It is reported that **Radio Suesan** who operate from Wellingborough, Northants, were jammed by a **Radio Ditchford** on 28th June. As a result, the station has a new 40 watt transmitter and operates each Sunday on 102.5MHz., with the following line - up..... 10:00 Roy Walker, 12:00 Mike Allen, 14:00 Scott Thompson, 16:00 Shane Davis, 18:00 Richard Grahame, 19:00 David Nicks, 20:00 Close - down.

**Second City Radio** were heard back on the air in Birmingham, on Saturday last 18th, on around 95MHz. They operated up until several weeks ago on 93MHz. It is understood that these transmissions were in preparation for a seven day service. Transmissions ceased by mid - day. An address was given out... 131 / 133 Mega - Active, Corporation Street, Birmingham. **Radio PCRL** were the only other one noted in that area, on 103.6MHz., each day.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE AND DERBYSHIRE.** **Radio Veronica** were on the air with their usual Sunday night broadcasts, last Sunday, on 105.6MHz., from the Bradford area. A medium wave frequency was also announced, and duly heard by a correspondent in Leeds, in the 981/990kHz. area. The AM tx is reported to be about 35 watts and the FM, 135 watts. The station now has six deejays and broadcast times are Sundays 19:00 till about 02:00 and Wednesdays 22:00 till 02:00, plus occasional evenings in between.

In Leeds, both **Music City Radio** (90.3MHz.), and **ABC FM** (94.6MHz.) have been heard almost every evening this week. **ABC** is also on the air during the afternoons. Both stations operate throughout the weekend, with a big variety of black music. A new station, **Rebel Radio**, on 105.3MHz., was heard on Friday evening in South Yorkshire. No other details were mentioned here.

From Scunthorpe, **WLNG** can be heard every Tuesday and Thursday evening, on 104.9MHz., from 20:30 until 22:30. In Derbyshire, **Radio Nemesis** were heard last Sunday on 106MHz., from 14:00 until 16:13, when they closed down. The signal is said to have improved on what it was. The music format was disco/soul.

**GLASGOW.** Three stations have been on the air this week in and around this area. They are... **Radio Unicorn** who broadcast every Monday night, on 103.2MHz., between 21:30 and 00:30. Transmissions are mono, but cover an enormous area. **Neon Radio**, on the other hand, use very low power, on two frequencies, 99.1 and 103.5MHz., covering different areas. Today, however, they were heard on 104.6MHz. The station operates each evening

and on Sunday lunchtime. Finally, **Radio Mercury** were heard today on 96.15MHz., for the first time in a while.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** **R.B.L.** inform us that their English service will be broadcast 'live' from Boulogne, on Monday 27th July, 91.6MHz. Competitions are to be held and the telephone lines will be direct to the studios in Boulogne. D.J.'s will be Tim Stewart, Mark Allen, Pete Simester and Jeff Johnson. A special for 15th August is planned, more details will be printed about this one next week.

**ABC Radio 97.8MHz.** continues to broadcast each Monday evening, to the Eastbourne area and beyond. The power of the station is now down to a mere 12 watts, nevertheless, reports still come in from the French coast. **ABC's** aerial system has now been changed from the omni - directional dipole to a Tandy 3 Element beam in the vertical plane. This provides a good signal from Eastbourne through to Folkestone, on modest equipment. The mailing address is **ABC**, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex. **Radio Atlantis 105MHz.**, based on the Kent/Sussex border keeps popping up on Sundays, usually twice a month. Broadcasts start at 19:00 onwards. Their address is P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, etc. **Reel to Reel Radio 105.3MHz.** Bad news from Ashford in Kent, as the above station's operator was interviewed by police when he was leaving a site. The DTI were called and after spending 5½ hours in the station, he was allowed home. A disturbing fact was that the operator was refused a receipt for his equipment. The matter is now in the hands of solicitors. The station has not returned to the air since this incident. Their address is P.O. Box 140, Ashford, Kent.

**LONDON.** Sid sends us in a marathon report this week, which includes a review of the 'Black and White Picture Show' screened on Channel 4 last Monday. "26 contacts this weekend (10th 13th July) - 12 in stereo two new, both unnamed. The first unid., was back to back soul, in stereo, on 104.40MHz., on Sunday evening (12th July). The second was playing an album in the early hours of Saturday morning (11th), again in stereo, on 107.05MHz. Missing or not heard was **Network 21**. **Community Development Radio** (88.7), were only putting out test tapes for part of the time. **Starpoint** returned.

The surprise return of **Starpoint** (94.45 mono) on Sunday (12th) from the Crystal Palace area, to this already overcrowded segment of the band, caught everybody on the hip - hop. With a strong aggressive signal, and a manner to match, DJ Gary Lee declared that the 94.4MHz., or thereabouts was known as **Starpoint's** frequency, and all others should stay clear. An obvious reference to **Fresh - FM** (94.4 stereo). He also claimed that their engineers were beefing up their signal and would hopefully eliminate any interference caused by other stations, and in the meantime he requested reception reports. **Starpoint** were last noted on air for about two weeks, back in March, and before that, a week each in February, December and November 1986. The signal remained very strong, and it seemed as though **Fresh - FM** must have done a quick bit of re - alignment, as they were later picked up on 94.3MHz., having been previously masked in the early hours of Sunday morning. **R - FM** were picked up in stereo on 94.25MHz., although it is thought that this is part of the bandspread.

**TKO** (90.65), which had been putting out a decidedly dodgy stereo signal on Friday and Saturday, went off air early Sunday morning, and did not return until the early hours of Monday morning, when a nice clean mono signal was picked up.

**City Radio** (94.2 stereo) has been a problem to keep track of again this weekend. Power seemed to be down, and it is not certain if they were off - air at any point, or simply being masked by the much more powerful **KISS FM** (93.95 stereo) signal.

**Rock to Rock** (90.2) continue to have either engineering or staff problems, or possibly both, as they were off Friday, returning in the early hours of Saturday morning with test tapes. They also seem to be having transmitter stability problems again, as they were drifting around from 90.25MHz., down to 90.10MHz., in a comparatively short space of time. Monday morning saw just a blank carrier.

South - East London based **Sky - FM** (91.6 stereo) are now going the community route. With regular **Community News** Announcements being put out on the half hour. As this is a brand new concept for them, they have started by putting out road safety messages, until such time as local groups contact them with their own community events and news. It is hoped that the standard of production, will show a drastic improvement, as the guy doing the them at the moment is, to be very polite, awful.

North London rocker **London Rock** (104.4 mono) had no Friday testing this week, but actually made it to the air for Saturday. Reception wasn't as strong as last week's tests, and also seemed to be getting lost in co - channel interference from **BBC Radio Sussex**. It seems that they, like **R - FM**, are now requesting demo tapes from new bands wanting radio exposure. Two of the tapes they played, were very strange indeed.

Twelve stations were noted in the pre-dawn hours of Monday, which could be a reflection of the current inactivity of the DTI.



Monday nights C4 Eleventh Hour 'Black and White Pirate' show, had been extensively trailed by various LWR jocks. Not surprisingly, as it turned out. It managed to give a brief oversight of London FM pirate radio. Its concentration on the black entrepreneurial stations, which make up about 75% of the total output was a shame, as it left unmentioned, all those stations catering for other ethnic tastes. The general impression being that the black stations were the only ones on air.

The occasionally patronising and elitist attitudes shown by some of those being interviewed, was indicative of the cultural snobbery sometimes found in those who are involved in minority activities, and also of the widening social chasm between black and white.

Some unfair criticism was levelled at BBC Radio London (94.9 stereo) for its efforts in trying to break away from the mould of BBC/ILR soundalikes, and provide the nearest thing to a legitimate black music orientated station, probably in the country. There was no criticism of Capital radio, which since it started losing its audience 3 or 4 years ago, has introduced a lot more black music. It has tried to speed up its presentation Laser style, and tried to adopt the digital delay techniques of the reggae/soul club jocks. The resultant mess can sometimes be appalling.

The programme also failed to mention the two major impacts on life as we know it, by the pirate FM stations.

In 1968/69 BBC local radio was introduced on FM only, and languished in obscurity. In 1973, when ILR came on the scene, they insisted on AM frequencies, as no one (they claimed) listened to FM, and it was felt that no profit could be made. With the arrival of personal stereos, and at the same time, the explosion of FM pirate stations, the FM band has finally taken off, in London at least.

As an illustration of how things have changed, in 1973 Capital ID'd itself as 'Capital 539', and later as 'Capital 194', and then followed it with a brief mention of 'stereo 95.8'. Now it is 'Capital radio - Stereo 95.8 - London's Music Power', and only at the weekends is there a mention of the AM frequency. That in itself is an acknowledgement of the growing awareness of FM brought on solely by the FM privateers.

The second area of influence, has been in the Top Forty itself. The last two or three years, has seen an increasing presence of soul and soul - influenced music, and more than the passing reggae single in the charts. The latest example is the entry of Freddie McGregor's 'Just don't wanna be lonely', which has been broken and power played on all the stations for weeks before it was listed on the legit. stations.

Overall, an interesting programme which gave a brief, but colourful picture of life on the airwaves.

Two small final points. With the exception of Birmingham's PCRL, and Lepke from the defunct DBC, there was a decidedly low profile from the station owners/operators, leaving the on camera talking to the presenters.

And have you noticed that I have managed to go through all this extra long survey, without once mentioning Camilla?"

Once again, we thank Sid for his very interesting news and views on the free radio scene in London.

So far this weekend, the following stations have been reported to us..... GCR on 88.4, CDR on 88.7, RJR on 90.0, RTR on 90.2, TKO on 90.6, Phase 1 on 90.9, Unid.(Asian) on 91.1, Sky FM on 91.6, LWR on 92.0, Studio 1 on 92.8, Solar on 93.0, Kiss FM on 93.95, RFM on 94.3, Starpoint on 94.4, Traffic on 97.9, Fresh FM on 103.3, Time on 103.7, JBC on 104.8, LGR on 105.0 and British Greek Comm. Radio on 105.2MHz. Although heard yesterday, the following stations are missing today, Starpoint, Studio 1, LGR and BGCR. These stations may well have suffered a raid from the DTI, as word reached us that LGR had their premises 'visited' during the week.

Rock FM were heard testing during the early hours for several days throughout the week and today, have a much stronger signal on 94.3MHz. Following the re appearance of Starpoint on 94.4MHz., causing splatter to the new station, Fresh FM, the latter has now moved to 103.3MHz. Radio Interference, normally heard on Fridays between 18:00 and 19:00 on 106.0MHz., was not heard this week and may possibly have been raided, although no more details are known.

## SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Log for Sunday 19th July 1987.

6205kHz....RADIO DUCK, at 09:16gmt.  
6208kHz....P.F.B.S., at 09:45gmt.  
6210kHz....UNID.(Country Music), at 08:30gmt.  
6210kHz....SOUTH EAST RADIO, at 10:41gmt.  
6224kHz....RADIO PAMELA, at 09:08gmt.  
6230kHz....BBMS, at 12:30gmt. (QSO).  
6240kHz....RADIO SOVEREIGN, at 08:34gmt.  
6270kHz....UNID., at 09:47gmt.  
6272kHz....RADIO RAINBOW GERMANY, at 12:15gmt.  
6275kHz....RADIO WAVES INT., at 09:05gmt.  
6280kHz....RADIO STAR INT., at 10:05gmt.  
6280kHz....BBMS, at 09:13gmt.  
6280kHz....WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:08gmt.  
6290kHz....RADIO LIMIT INT., at 08:38gmt.  
6290kHz....RADIO ORION, at 09:45gmt.  
6300kHz....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 11:27gmt.  
6310kHz....WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO, at 12:30gmt.  
6312kHz....RADIO WEST, at 10:18gmt.  
6312kHz....ENERGY 103, at 11:06gmt.  
6330kHz....RADIO HOT WIRE INT., at 10:37gmt.  
6850kHz....RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 09:05gmt.  
6850kHz....RADIO SOUNDS INT., at 10:15gmt.  
7361kHz....RADIO CALIFORNIA, at 08:26gmt.  
7361kHz....RADIO JOYSTICK, at 09:04gmt.  
7384kHz....RADIO STELLA INT., at 09:42gmt.

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Conditions today were very good, as can be seen by the logs in BOLD type. We even received most of the ones in normal type, but failed to identify them, as time was against us, and some stations identify so rarely, which is a shame. A typical example was the UNID. on 6210kHz. For two weeks, this one's name has eluded us. Country music and announcements came through loud and clear however. Today's other loggers came from the Midlands, Devon and Cheshire, and they rang in on (0253) 882017 between 13:30 and 14:30, which enables us to then go ahead with the report. The UNID. on 6270 and Rainbow Germany on 6272kHz., may well have been the same station, but as there was 2½ hours between the two logs, we thought we would list them apart, just in case. Radio Star Int. was a new station to us, and gave out the old FMTR mailing address, P.O. Box SH9, Sheerness, Kent. This station, plus BBMS, were both relayed by Westside Radio, who, we understand, were on air at an early hour, with other relays, which were not logged. Radio Limit was relayed by Radio Orion. Radio Hot Wire Int., the former FM station, new to short wave, were rather squashed in between some utility transmissions and together with very few announcements, made them difficult to identify also. Radio West and Energy 103 were both relayed by Radio Ireland Int. Radio Skywave announced that they were back on the air and hoped to be on 6260kHz., next week, also, plus, possibly FM locally (Dublin). They, in turn, relayed Radio Sounds Int. Conspicuous by it's absence today, was Radio Dublin, and we are practically certain that no SW transmissions were being emitted from that station. Finally, Radio California and Radio Joystick were both relayed by Radio 101, and despite Radio 101 being heard mentioned often, we do not think that they had their own programmes today.

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Podney R. Sixe has asked us to request SW stations not to use the Rosewarne Cottages address for the time being, due to family health problems.

His amendments to our last week's log are as follows.... 6204kHz...Radio Duck, at 09:30gmt.... 7384kHz....Radio Stella, at 10:00gmt.

On Saturday, Radio 101 was noted for the best part of the morning, on 7361kHz. Tests were being carried out, it appears, and regular Sunday broadcasts will no doubt be heard from now on.

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Our thanks as always, for the mass of news, logs, calls, letters, photos, cuttings, recordings and everything else which arrives at this office each day. We really appreciate it all, even if we don't tell you personally. Please let us know, if you wish to have anything returned, as otherwise, we assume you do not want it back.

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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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A little lacking in news this week, but the most significant item has to be the court case involving the operator of the former short wave station FMTR, which took place on Wednesday 22nd July. He was originally fined £600, and had all equipment confiscated, but in an appeal heard last week, had the fine reduced to £300. There then came to light, some changes which had been made to the recently amended 1949 Wireless Telegraphy Act. Without anyone knowing, the section which deals with the confiscation of 'electrically' connected items, has been mysteriously removed from new copies of the Act. As a result, the operator of Free Medway Town Radio, also had all his equipment returned, because he informed Judge Warley Q.C., that it could be used for work other than broadcasting. In the end, only the transmitters and SWR meter were kept by the DTI. After being awkward at first, these items were finally released by the DTI, after solicitors action was threatened. We await any other cases now, to see how the repealing of this section affects them.

Recently we mentioned that the fine on FMTR was the highest we had heard of for a SW operator. This was in Britain. A correspondent in Finland informs us that in 1980 a station called Radio Sound of Finland was fined 34,000 FMK, which is equivalent to £4,595. Similar fines have been imposed on other operators in that country. This is the reason for the lack of any 'free radio' activity in Finland.

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Anyone wishing to really keep ahead with the free radio news, should ring the **Anoraks U.K. Info - Line**, on (0795) 510764. The service is always open and up dates twice per week, midnight Mondays and Fridays (more often if the need arises). You may leave any news you may have for inclusion in the report or on the line, but please don't leave messages about subscriptions or merchandise, as this line is not operated from Blackpool.

**"Driftback 20"** takes place from 11:00 until 23:00 on Saturday 15th August, in the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, Coram Street, Central London. We have the booking forms which also include all necessary details. Please feel free to request one, but actual bookings must be made with CM at the Grays, Essex address on the form. They are at present inundated with bookings, and some delay seems to be occurring in despatching tickets etc. Don't panic! You will receive them in time, but should anything unforeseen happen, we shall issue a statement in the report.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** We now have **Monitor 36** in stock. This Summer 1987 edition contains 84 pages of detailed and accurate information on the previous few months activities on all three North Sea offshore radio stations, as well as a piece by Dave James on life on board the Peace Ship. There are also interviews with Andy Johnson, Brandy Lee, Ian Akers, Charlie Wolf, and a continuation of the John Lewis story. This magazine is excellent value at £1.90....Also arrived this week, is the latest edition of **Wavelength**, No. 16. As with Monitor, this is an A5 publication, and contains 20 pages of news and stories from both the landbased and offshore radio scenes, including Part 4 of Steve West's trip to Ireland. Cost of this magazine is 75p.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** A new free radio 'fanzine' arrived this week called 'On the Air', and is the first produced by the newly formed 'Irish Free Radio Association', located in Sligo. This new publication is aiming mainly at those people whose pastime is swapping tapes of radio stations. Some Irish station news is included, along with hints on the hobby of collecting tapes, and a tape offer. Also, there is Part 1 of a list of Irish AM radio stations. For more information about 'On the Air', which costs £1.00, and is to be published every two weeks, and also their tape catalogue, write to : The Irish Free Radio Association, 66 St. Brigids Place, Sligo, EIRE..... **Radiotelex**, Issue 103, the second from 'the new management team', who tell us that they intend to improve things and ask for additional loggers to help make this already excellent SW news - sheet even better. For subscription details, please drop us a line and we will send you the latest subscription form, along with your next "WR". SW loggers should write in to RT direct and their address is... c/o Postfach 103771, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany..... **Freewave**, **Driewekelijks Media Magazine**, Issue 148. A 28 page x A5 publication from Holland, all in the Dutch language, but with some photos, adverts and stickers re - produced. Details of this magazine from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland..... **Current Pirate List 3** appears monthly and is compiled by Stefan Printz, Apelvagen 13, 33017 Rydaholm, Sweden. 3 x A5 pages of current short wave station addresses. Very well presented and up to date and worth getting a copy. Send

2 x IRC's or \$1 to the above address..... **Energy Power 103**, 'a special project' by Michael Mahon. A history of the station since its inception and a snapshot view of what was happening, in detail, last November, plus up - dates. A most thorough and detailed account of the station. The price is IR£3 and includes a new car sticker. Michael will be only too pleased to reply to anyone who writes requesting news and information about the station. The address is Michael Mahon, Energy Power 103, 144 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 2, Eire..... **BRS News**, Issue 6, arrived and to our surprise, we learn that this excellent report on the London scene is about to cease publication. This latest issue contains 16 x A4 pages, covering the activity in the capital, over the past few weeks. The cost is £1.00 from BRS, BCM - BRS, London WC1N 3XX.

**TAPE OFFER.** Delays which have recently occurred in this sector, should be shortly eliminated, but please note that when ordering other goods with tapes, the tapes are very likely to be posted separately and slightly later, as these items are not 'off the shelf' like many of our other lines. In other words, your non - tape goods should arrive first, followed a few days later by the tapes. We start off this week's 'free radio' recordings with a relatively new station, **Radio Unicorn**, as Tape 78. Broadcasting to the Glasgow area of Scotland, their powerful FM signal covers a very wide area and is obviously well listened to, judging by all the letters read out over the air. This mono recording was made on 20th July. Still on FM, but this time in London, Tape 79 features **Sky Radio FM**, one of the many soul/funk/disco stations in the city. Hear MJ doing his thing on this one, as broadcast on 19th July. Again this was only recorded in mono. The above two recordings are 90 minutes long and cost £2.00 each. For all oldies fans Tape 80 consists of 2 x C-60 cassettes, with two hours of Dick Bartley's 'Solid Gold Saturday Night', as broadcast by **WFYR - FM**, Chicago on 4th July. Price for this two cassette pack is £2.50.

**MARINE OFFENCES ACT - 20 YEAR SPECIAL.** Last week, we advertised this C.90 cassette from Freewave Magazine, Holland, for £4.00. A number of readers rang in or wrote, asking how to send the odd amount of £4.00 to Holland (£1 coins, U.K. cheques and P.O.'s being unacceptable). You may now order this cassette from us,



and we, in turn, will order in bulk from Hans Knot, but doing it this way, there will be a delay, so please allow 21 days for delivery.

**'PIRATE PUBLICATIONS'.** Further to recent correspondence informing us that letters addressed to P.O. Box 19, Herne Bay, Kent had been returned marked 'gone away', we can now confirm that this was a slip up on the part of the post office. If you have had mail returned, please do take the trouble to write again. Your postage will be refunded.

**CONTACTS.** I would like to correspond with pirate enthusiasts/broadcasters, anywhere in the U.K. or Europe. Write to Graham Jones, 16 Mountpleasant Square, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Eire.

**FOR SALE.** Top quality professional CUSTOM JINGLES. Alfapound/Pams standard at a fraction of the price! Shouts £29, Acapellas £39, fully sung with music bed £49. Available soon. Please write NOW for details to: Top - Trax Recording Studios, c/o Neil Luckham, 9 Oak Tree Drive, Aller Park, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 4NN.

**WANTED.** Good quality tape, preferably 1" @ 19cm/s, or chrome cassette, of the Roaring Sixties 'We Love the Pirate Stations', and also, the RNI 1970 election campaign song 'Who do you think you are kidding Mr Wilson'. Please state price... S.J. Callingham, 34 Bridgelands, Copthorne, West Sussex RH10 3XD.

**WANTED.** Radio Amateur computer programs for the Commodore 64.... contact J. Gibson, 194 Guthrum Place, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 4QF.

**EXCHANGE.** I have lists of over 2000 tape recordings and would be interested in exchanging with other collectors. The recordings are from the 60's, 70's and 80's. There are gaps however, which I would like to fill.... M.J. Edwards, "Springwood", 8 Ringers Lane, Leverington, Nr. Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 5BQ.

**EXCHANGE.** Radio tapes to swap.... send your list, and I will send mine... Steve, 16 Leverton Green, Clifton Estate, Nottingham NG11 8BS.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** Typically good FM conditions prevailed mid - week and these, combined with new receiving equipment and plenty of patience and perseverance, yielded a host of Irish stations on FM, apart from the usual ones we log. Received were.... Erneside C.R. on 97.8MHz., C.R. Wexford on 101.4MHz., Pulsar on 105.85MHz., Liberties L. C. Radio on 106.75MHz., Laois C.R. on 102.1MHz. plus an unidentified one on 102.0MHz. (possibly Signal in Athlone). All these were in addition to stations like Sunshine, Q 102, Energy 103, Dublin, Klas, Treble T.R., Big 'M', Boyneside, West, Diamond, Dundrum C.R., Zee 103, Capitol and others. All in all, quite pleasing initial results.

**DUBLIN.** On to actual station news now, and word from **Energy Power 103** confirms what we wrote last week, about a new sign outside their Leeson Street headquarters. This new logo also appears on the new car stickers which are actually quite big and sponsored by Club Orange. Current line - up reads.... 06:00 Pat Courteney, with Bob Gallico and Lisa Moore, 09:30 Brian Clarke, 14:00 Tony McKenzie, 19:00 John O'Hara (except Friday, Michael Mahon), midnight Liam Coburn or Cassidy Jones. Additional weekenders include Niall McGowan, plus syndicated shows, Rick Dees and ET 40 (Saturday and Sunday at mid - day respectively). Problems still seem evident with the 738kHz. transmissions. Breaks were noted on Friday evening, followed by test tones, then normal programmes. On Saturday, the breaks were more extensive and the station was still off on Sunday, although FM transmissions were as normal. It is wondered if a move of AM site is being made, following appeals for such a site, away from residential areas.

**Q 102** announced a new 'Summer' line - up on Monday. This read... 06:00 Scott Williams (with Mike Hogan up in the air!), 09:00 Al Dunne, 12:00 Greg Gaughran, 15:00 Dave Kelly, 19:00 Jason Maine, midnight John P.Ower. Mike Hogan has been missing this week, and Dave Kelly took his place in the 'Eye in the Sky' helicopter. Mike is expected back tomorrow.

Popular all - nighter on **Sunshine 101**, Philip Hilton, was heard for the last time on Friday morning last. He was thanking everyone for making his 10 months in Ireland, very enjoyable. He is understood to have obtained a position with the BBC on Merseyside.

**Co. DUBLIN.** **Community Radio Fingal** seem to have had some problems of one sort or another. Blank carriers have been noted on 157.5kHz., on numerous occasions. On one return, the station identified as **Community Radio 189**. Listeners were advised to tune to FM, for better reception. We duly did, and found the station on 105.85MHz. It is not known if the FM frequency suffered the same breaks, nor if the station identified as Pulsar at all, this week.

**Co. WICKLOW.** **Viking 105** were noted with significant audio improvement, during the week for their transmissions on 160.2kHz.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Radio Sovereign** failed to appear at 06:00 this morning, as planned, although further tests were heard in the afternoon, suggesting that tapes for the programmes failed to arrive in time. The frequencies... 152.1kHz., 624.0kHz. and 96.1MHz.

**Co. CORK.** No major news from the South, we are told. **WBEN**

have been closing early of late, in order to carry out transmitter maintenance. The station employs two NUJ news readers, Rory Hafford and Catherine Lee (not Linda Johnston as previously reported, she is the night time D.J., on Thursdays and Fridays). Brian Hughes now has five shows, Saturday through Wednesday, Trevor Stevens (ex recent South Coast Radio) has joined the station and the owner is Romano Macari (and not Roman, as previously incorrectly spelt). Plans for a WBEN tabloid news - sheet for the city, are underway.

**Co. GALWAY.** **Coast 103**, the new station in Galway City, which has been operating for the past two weeks on FM 103MHz. only, has now added a medium wave transmitter. The transmitter is on 1566kHz., and was tested last Saturday afternoon, with a full relay of Coast 103 following later that same evening. According to a telephone call to the Radio West Anorak Show, Keith York mentioned that the backers of the station were himself, WKLR in Bandon, and several local Galway businessmen. Advertising is apparently coming in nicely, and the suspiciousness of local businesses to advertise on a 'pirate' has now almost disappeared following the closure of WLS, which they appeared to distrust for some reason. **Radio West** finally got their AM tx on the air, on 711kHz., to cover Galway city. After apparently being off the air for a few days, **Kandy Radio** are now back on medium wave on a new frequency of 140.4kHz. The signal can now be heard fairly well on the West coast of Britain, as there are no other stations on this frequency during the daytime.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports from the area, although Mike Davies returned mid - week and told us that Steve Miller, who had signed up to do a six month stint on board, decided at the last minute to call the whole thing off. Steve is working in a Kibutz locally. Richard Steed, however, went ahead and can now be heard on air. Apparently, he has done quite a bit of TV work and his face is quite familiar in a number of TV programmes.

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR.** Nothing new here, and as far as we know, following a trip out by a party last weekend, nothing much has happened at all. The only thing of note was the fact that D.J. Paul Jackson has been paid off and left the ship. This leaves a captain and two engineers currently on board.

**CAROLINE.** Before we start in this section, it will be three years tomorrow, 27th, since Radio Caroline commenced parallel broadcasts from the Ross Revenge. At this time, regular broadcasts were on 96.3kHz., in English and tests were carried out for several days on 59.4kHz. However, due to the local IBA station in Kent operating on the next channel (60.3kHz.), a move was made to 57.6kHz., about a week later. These transmissions were irregular, initially and tests were made in the early hours in October, with split programming. The modulation transformer on 57.6kHz. then burnt out and transmissions were not heard on this frequency again, until December 1984. A few days after they re - commenced, Radio Monique took over the 96.3kHz. frequency leaving Caroline on 57.6kHz. during daylight hours. Just to complete the story, due to continental interference on 57.6kHz., a move was made to 58.5kHz., on 25th March 1985. This only lasted three days, and the station then returned to 57.6kHz. On November 7th of the same year, two days after Laser 558 ceased broadcasting, Radio Caroline moved to its present frequency of 55.8kHz.

On to present news now, and after a week of five hour shifts, Monday 20th July saw a return to the regular 4 hour shifts, with a new voice filling in the extra four hours between 21:00 and closedown. The line - up this week has thus read.... 05:00 Kevin Turner... 09:00 John Tyler... 13:00 Tony Peters... 17:00 Jamie King... 21:00 Nick Bolland... 01:00 Closedown. Rough seas greeted Nick on his first show, with North Easterly winds causing a few problems. Ferry Eden seems to be making a habit of reading the 08:30 news headlines, and we believe this is due to John Tyler, the resident newsreader on the breakfast show, actually reading the Radio Monique International news at the same time. Some readers have queried us as to when the power on 55.8kHz will be increased. As we said several weeks ago, all the parts are now understood to be on board, and it is just waiting for Peter Chicago to spend some time on the vessel in order to fit them, and test all the new systems out properly. Rumours of a short wave service have also been banded about, however we do not know anything concrete about this. One source tells us that the station hope to broadcast religious programmes all day on short wave, however we have had no confirmation of this by the station. In any case, no frequency has been mentioned at all.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** Things have been very quiet this week, following all the recent DTI activity. No stations were heard by us, in the area, last Sunday night, and only **Radio Atlantis** was heard on Monday, on 93.6kHz. They are now back to a four day weekend, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday for the time being. Transmissions are currently 11:00 - 17:00, on 93.6kHz, except for the extended shows on Sunday, which start at 09:00. The 'Free Radio Show' can be heard each Sunday at 10:00, normally with extracts from past Merseyside stations, in



addition to the usual news. FM transmissions have been mentioned, and a report tells us that on Tuesday evening, the station was heard on 90.2MHz., with a good signal. On Tuesday evening, the band was checked fairly late on, and three stations were noted here.... **Decibel Transmissions International (DTI)**, on 106.15MHz. FM, mono, **Horizon Radio** on 105.3MHz. FM, stereo (this station had apparently been on air since 19:00) and alongside, almost buried beneath Horizon, **Slag Off International** on 105.2MHz. All three closed down before or about midnight. On Wednesday, only Slag Off and DTI were heard, and Slag Off were heard to give out a different mailing address to the previous one. It was... SOI, 9 Newell Road, Wallasey, Merseyside. No stations were logged on Thursday evening despite promise of at least one being on. Friday saw Radio Atlantis back on the air, on 93.6kHz., although a break was noted for quite a spell in the afternoon, from 14:30 until 16:00. The signal was not quite as strong and closedown was at 18:00. On listening the following morning, Steven Bishop announced that the break was due to DTI activity in the area, and the station lookouts had seen them before anything happened. A carrier was noted, also on both Friday and Saturday, on 124.2kHz. This was thought to be for the re-commencement of Radio Merseywaves, and although noises were heard, very little audio resulted. During the very short 'active' period, on Friday evening, names, consistent with current RMW staff, were heard mentioned, confirming that it was indeed RMW carrying out this work. No stations at all were heard here on Friday evening, or again, on Saturday evening, although Radio Atlantis duly appeared for their normal programmes during the day. **Radio Merseywaves** recommenced programmes once again this morning (26th July) on 124.2kHz. The station is back quicker than they expected, so a lot of hard work must have been done by the lads. Signal was good, but the modulation was a bit lower than normal. Also heard today, were Radio Atlantis, as usual, plus **Radio Veronica** on 104.6MHz., the latter barely audible here, due to the close proximity of BBC Lancs. The operator of this station went live on Radio West's show this morning and stated that they were indeed on the air, but only on reduced hours these days, due to much DTI activity. Also logged today, after lunch, transmissions on 105.2/3MHz. We assume these to be from Slag Off International but no I.D. was noted and severe audio problems were being experienced.

On the **Radio Atlantis** 'Free Radio Show' this morning, Steven Bishop gave a bit of news about a Court case heard on Wednesday 22nd, at Liverpool City Magistrates involving the staff of Mersey FM, one Mike Smith and a friend. All cassettes and audio equipment were ordered to be returned and 50 of his 177 records (?). The sentence was a conditional discharge, with a small fine and costs. In the same programme, it was also stated that Horizon Radio may have been visited by the DTI on Tuesday night, although we don't think that they were actually raided. The station are off the air for the time being, but hope to be back soon.

According to Tim Jackson's report for this area, he logged **Concept Radio** last Sunday, at 12:40, after apparently signing on at noon. They closed down at 14:00, we understand. Their frequency was 104.3MHz., and announced mailing address.... CR, 13 Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Merseyside L42 2DH. Tim also received a report of a **Radio Veronica International** on about 106MHz., last Saturday, 18th (No connection with the one on 104.7MHz.), with 'test transmissions on 297m', although nothing was found on AM. (We also received a similar report for this one, although for Sunday evening, again, announcing 297m 100.8kHz., with 30 watts. The writer tells us that the station has indeed appeared on MW, on and off for the last four years). Finally, he tells us that **Network 9** were reported on air, with non stop music on Sunday afternoon, on 90.2MHz.

A letter in this week from Radio Julie said we had reported the station as being recently raided. This indeed, we did not do, and the confusing sentence 'Despite all the DTI activity and the loss of Radio Julie' may well have lead to a wrong interpretation. A statement from the station reads... 'Radio Julie has not been raided by the DTI, but has voluntarily been looking at ways to improve quality for the people that matter most, the listeners. The station managers, Mark Ross and Mark Philips, the station technician, Andy Davies, and Paul Miller came to a unanimous decision that Radio Julie should cease broadcasting for a while (4 to 8 weeks). However when we come back on the air, we will sound much better, due to the addition of 2 Technics turntables, and an IBA quality transmitter.' We are also told that frequencies to look out for are 104.8MHz. FM (stereo) and 828kHz. medium wave.

**GLASGOW.** On Monday last, 20th July, **Radio Unicorn** went out at 21:30 with an excellent signal on 103.2MHz., which was giving a read-out in some areas equal to that of Radio Clyde. The station was also relayed via the transmitters of Neon Radio, to the Paisley area, although Unicorn's signal was far superior. The station closed at midnight. **Radio Mercury** were heard on Wednesday, 22nd, from 19:00 until just after 21:00, with a fairly good signal on 96.3MHz., and again today, on 96.1MHz. **Neon Radio**

were on the air on Friday night on 99.1 and 104.5MHz. However, this afternoon, two new frequencies were used, 98.5 and 99.4MHz. Higher power is expected and perhaps one of these new frequencies is the new transmitter.

**THE MIDLANDS.** The operator of Wrekin Radio tells us that the station will be off the air for Summer holidays and transmitter overhaul. They hope to be back on for Bank Holiday Sunday, 30th August, from 12:00 until 15:00, on 105MHz., in the Telford area. Thanks to our new equipment, we can now hear PCRL, since mid week last, and the station was indeed duly noted on several occasions when checked. The frequency was 103.6MHz.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE.** As we were posting the report last week, **Radio Veronica**, located in Bradford, was heard by us on 105.6MHz., with their now regular, Sunday night transmissions. The format of this station is general chat and discussions, interspersed with music. Readers letters were also being read out and commented upon. We did not hear any mention of medium wave broadcasts that evening, however a letter in from Anthony, in Chesterfield, says that the previous week, he heard them talking on air about a change of frequency to around 1100kHz. According to other comments on air, visitors are welcomed, but only by writing to the station beforehand. T-shirts will also be available shortly we are told. The two 'black' music and community radio stations in Leeds are both now operating a 7 day per week schedule, although broadcast times do vary from day to day. **ABC - FM** on 94.6MHz, who began a daily afternoon schedule several weeks ago, continue with this each day, but have been heard as early as 09:00 in the morning. A carrier is also left on at most times. In order to 'compete' with ABC, **Music City Radio** have also now introduced extended hours during weekday afternoons. Music City Radio occasionally have transmissions in stereo, but ABC FM are always in mono.

On Monday 20th July, a new station came on air at 22:30, broadcasting on 105.5MHz., in stereo. Calling themselves **Monica Sound**, they claimed to be broadcasting from central Barnsley, to South Yorkshire. Two D.J.'s were heard, playing a mixed bag of records. On Wednesday 23rd, **Ocean Sound** were back on the air at 19:00, broadcasting from Rotherham, on 106.3MHz., in stereo. The quality of the stereo was not terribly good, which Robert, the D.J., acknowledged, saying that this was their first full broadcast, using a new studio set up. They went off at 20:40, promising to be back on Saturday 25th, hopefully with better stereo sound quality. The mailing address is... Ocean Sound, 4 Milton Court, Swinton, South Yorkshire S64 8OE. They then stated that if no SAE was included, there would be no reply. Another station heard every Friday night in this area, is **Music Weekend Radio (MWR)**. Operating hours are 22:00 till 00:30 and the music content is mainly oldies, with very little speech. Frequency is 105MHz. Our thanks to Philip and Dave for the South Yorks. items.

**LONDON.** One station which we failed to mention last week, was **Radio Free London**, which was heard in North London on Sunday evening, 19th July. The report we have in, mentions that this is the same station which was on the air extensively during the 1970's, and to contact them, write to the address of the old RFL. The station went off at about 23:50, and were on 92.4MHz. This station was one of the first to pioneer all day transmissions (when most 'pirates' were on tape), by using a reel-to-reel tape recorder running at very slow speed, which meant that no risks were involved during 'tape changes'. No more details of this transmission are known, but it would be nice to see them back on the air with the rock format they used to adhere to. Also last Sunday, a station calling itself **Radio 107** was heard between 21:50 and 23:30, on 107.0MHz. Pop music was being played, and a Dartford address was read out.

After last week's mammoth report from Sid, things are back to normal this week and he reports as follows for the weekend 17th July to 20th July... "This weekend 26 contacts, with 10 stereo. 2 new stations - **WNK** on 104.4MHz stereo, and stereo test tapes of soul music on 92.35MHz. It has been reported elsewhere that Radio Free London was testing on this frequency, but RFL was always Top 40, so we doubt that this contact was actually RFL. Missing/not heard - Network 21, London Rock and London Town.

Crystal clear, stereo and London wide, was the unusual situation on Sunday (19th), when **Rock - FM** (94.3) came on air. Unhindered in any way for the first time in many weeks by powerful stations broadcasting on either side. Joint founder Clare, was extending invitations to listeners to come and talk to her and co-founder Dave, on Sunday's and Monday's, in a N.E. London pub. (Venue details to follow). A nice change to have good rock music coming through all day.

A weekend for dirty transmitters and noisy carrier waves. **Quest FM** (89.95), **RTR** (90.3), **R - FM** (94.3 stereo) and **Starpoint** (94.55), were all putting out at least one spurious signal. Worst of all though, was Brixton based **Phase 1** (90.9), who could be found on at least four additional frequencies on the band (91.1 - 92.2 - 93.35 - 94.5) in the Brixton/Peckham area. When stations get this powerful, and cause this amount of interference it usually isn't long before the DTI remove them with their usual surgical



precision.

Wild transmitters putting out noisy carrier waves sounding something like demented air conditioning units were heard from **KISS - FM** (93.95 stereo), **CDR** (88.7), **LWR** (92.05), and **Fresh FM** (103.3) at various times over the weekend.

**Starpoint's** aggressive stand last week on its rights to 94.4MHz. or thereabouts, seems to have had an effect. **Fresh - FM** have abandoned 94.4, and have moved way up band to 103.3MHz., where they were first heard on Wednesday 15th July in stereo. They were subsequently heard suffering from a wild transmitter on Friday, before coming through nice and clear in mono on Saturday (18th). This is a frequency which was last used by **Peoples Choice Radio** up to February, and **Elite - FM** for a week or two in April. It is a clear frequency and why it has not been pounced on by one of the big operators before now, is something of a mystery. **Fresh** now seem to have a big strong signal seemingly strong enough to rival their old bosses at **Time - FM** (103.8 stereo).

**Starpoint** (this week, 94.55) were only receivable with a poor signal on Sunday (19th). This part of the band, so crowded a week or two ago, could only raise **City Radio** (94.2 stereo) for Friday night. **KISS - FM** (93.95 stereo) were last on air as they were suffering with a dirty transmitter in the early hours of Saturday.

Not yet London wide, but hoping to get there soon, with coverage now into Central London on a regular basis, are Wembley based **Traffic Jam - FM** (97.9), who seem to have sorted out their engineering problems at last, after several months of power ups and downs, and centre frequency drift.

With Dirty Tricks International activity, at a seemingly all time low in London, **LWR's** (92.05) continuing engineering problems would seem surprising. Midweek saw a reasonable signal, which by Friday had started to deteriorate and drift. All that could be heard over the weekend was the familiar demented air conditioner, which seems to be making up a greater part of their output at the moment. Monday morning saw them back again with a reasonable signal.

South West London community access station **CDR** (88.7) have also been having continuing transmitter problems. After much testing, and on/off broadcasting since late June. They resumed full programming on Wednesday at 6.00pm, only to blow out again very quickly, but were back again on low power by Sunday (19th).

First noted on 11th July, was the return of the Southall based Asian Gujarati station on 91.1MHz. This station was blown away when **Phase 1** started blasting everything in sight back in May. Back now with a stronger signal on a new frequency and playing traditional Indian music. A low powered Asian or Arab station has been picked up intermittently on 106MHz., and is thought to be East London based. Central London reception has been very poor, so it has not been possible to establish an identity.

First received Sunday 12th July, but not ID'd at that time, but subsequently ID'd this Saturday 18th July, is the unfortunately named **WNK** (104.4 stereo). This seems to be a one day only operation at the moment, playing a wide spectrum of black music. Announced at one point as 'WNK your local community station'. Local to where, was not fully explained. Apart from the obvious, what do these initials mean? **WNK** have taken over the spot previously occupied by part time rockers **London Rock**."

Thanks to Sid for the news from last weekend, and we look forward to the next installment.

Heard this weekend so far, were..... **CDR** on 88.7, **RJR** on 90.0, **RTR** on 90.2, **TKO** on 90.6, **Phase 1** on 90.9, **Sky FM** on 91.8, **LWR** on 92.1, **Solar 93** on 93.0, **Kiss FM** on 93.9, **RFM** on 94.3, **Traffic** on 97.9, **Fresh FM** on 103.3, **Time FM** on 103.7 and **JBC** on 104.8. An Asian station was also heard on 91.1MHz. Conspicuous by their absence this weekend, are the two Greek stations, **LGR** and **BGCR**, both around 105MHz.

**ESSEX.** Last Sunday at 16.10, **Canvey Radio** were raided by eight DTI men and an equivalent number of police. The DTI gained entry by the use of a warrant. However, on looking closer, the owner of the house noticed the warrant was for the house next door and subsequently asked the DTI to leave. On about the seventh attempt, they finally left, but were far from happy. The station returned to the air from the same premises, at about 19:30. As a result, **Canvey** were not on the air this week and are currently seeking a new location.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** As we mentioned briefly last week, **Radio Boulogne Littoral (RBL)**, who broadcast to Dover and the South Coast region are to 'celebrate' 20 years of the passing of the Marine Offences Act, by producing a special programme to be broadcast on 15th August. Entitled 'The Day the Music Died', this 3 hour programme, starting at 21.30, will feature music from the 1964 - 1967 period, interspersed with interviews specially done for the station by Roger Day, Don Allen, Martin Kayne, Carl Conway, Robbie Dale, Johnny Walker, Tony Price and many others. Your hosts for what should be a very memorable show, will be Tim Stewart and Mark Allen. **ABC Radio 97.8MHz.** As usual, this station was broadcasting to Eastbourne on Monday evening and after last week's low power output, the station has now increased it's power to 60 watts. This gives out a total ERP of 120 watts. The station would appreciate reception reports. The current list of deejays include Andy Ellis, Mike the Bike, Paul Davis, Gary Oliver and Caroline. The broadcasts commence at 19:00 and the address is P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**Radio Atlantis 105MHz.** The above station was again on the air from 19:00 until 21:00 on Sunday evening last. Station deejays include Nick Thomas and Johnny Diamond.

#### SHORT WAVE NEWS.....Today's Log.

6205kHz...**RADIO DUCK**, at 09:38gmt.  
6206kHz...**C.L.C.G.**, at 08:36gmt.  
6210kHz...**UNID.**, at 08:52gmt.  
6220kHz...**CLCD INT.(?)**, at 08:39gmt.  
6231kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 10:16gmt.  
6233kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL**, at 10:01gmt.  
6240kHz...**GOOD NEWS RADIO**, at 11:12gmt.  
6240kHz...**RADIO SOVEREIGN**, at 12:30gmt.  
6255kHz...**RTR**, at 09:58gmt.  
6275kHz...**"CLUTTER FREE"**, at 08:56gmt.  
6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 12:05gmt.  
6280kHz...**4IFR**, at 10:25gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:53gmt.  
6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:17gmt.  
6300kHz...**RADIO KRISTEL INT.**, at 09:35gmt.  
6310kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:46gmt.  
6312kHz...**RADIO BRIGITTE**, at 10:06gmt.  
6318kHz...**RADIO PETERBELL**, at 09:20gmt.  
6850kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 09:08gmt.  
6930kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:10gmt.  
7361kHz...**RADIO MARABU**, at 08:38gmt.  
7475kHz...**RADIO AQUARIUS**, at 09:55gmt.

After a couple of good weeks, today's conditions on Short Wave were quite poor, with only a couple of signals being stable for more than a few minutes at a time. As usual, the stations in bold were heard here in Blackpool, and the rest kindly telephoned in on (0253) 882017 by listeners in Devon, Yorkshire, Scotland and Oxfordshire.

The station on 6220kHz. was a bit of a mystery, as it was playing documentary - type programmes. Although strong, we were unable to identify it ourselves due to severe SSB interference, however another listener thought he heard them mention **CLCD International France**. No more details are known.

Although **Britain Radio Int.** was logged on 6233kHz., **P.F.B.S.** was, however, clearly identified by a listener in Scotland. We wonder if this station was being mentioned by **BRI** in one of their programmes. We have, in this case, left **PFBS** in the logs, as we believe they have been heard on this frequency before.

The mystery station on 6255kHz., announced test transmissions and gave out an address of P.O. Box 140, Ashford, Kent. The address has been used before by 'Reel to Reel Radio' and duly reported within these pages. The initials ceratinly tie in.

The station called 'Clutter Free' on 6275kHz., is the same as **Radio Hot Wire**, who were operating on 6330kHz. last Sunday. Problems occurred here due to **Radio Waves** also being on the same frequency, resulting in a heterodyne.

A new station from Holland was heard on 6318khz. calling itself **Radio Peterbell**. The signal was extremely strong and with very good audio quality, and they gave out an address of P.O. Box 65, 7260 AB, Ruurlo, The Netherlands.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney R. Sixe.... 6204kHz., **UNID.** (in German), at 09:45gmt..... 6210kHz., **Riverside Radio** at 10:00gmt.