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Welcome to another edition of "News from Holland".

First of all the date for next years annual *Radio Day*, as organised by the Freewave Media Magazine and Foundation for Media communication. Next year the day will be held on Saturday March 2nd at the Koningszaal, Plantage Middenlaan 41-43 Amsterdam, next to Artis Zoo. There will be several guests invited and the first two names we can already mention are Johnny Lewis and Brian Anderson. Brian started his radio career in the early seventies when he worked for Radio Seagull, Radio Caroline and Radio Mi Amigo International. Nowadays he has his own Syndicate company where he produces radio programmes for the Asian Market. Johnny Lewis worked for stations like Radio Caroline, Laser 730, the Voice of Peace and a lot of Independent Local Radio stations. Nowadays he works at Thanet Local Radio in Kent. Of course more names will be mentioned in the months to come.

7.8. On Radio 1 VPRO Radio brought a 20 minutes long documentary on the activities of *The Principality of Sealand* which is on a former Second World War Fort off the coast of Harwich. Roy Bates and his family were interviewed on their activities within radio in the sixties of the last century and all the things, which have happened and will 'happen' in the future with the isle. Roy's only words (he's already 80) were only things like 'it all goes about freedom'. And he still knows how to make money. Bringing the interview team to the fort for 150 Pound a person and that for free publicity!

9.8. During heavy weather and thunderstorms off the coast of IJmuiden a temporary radio ship was anchored today and all the last technical work was done. During night hours the first tests were done. On the 11th and 12th of August programmes were transmitted on FM and AM as well on the world wide web under the name *Muziek*

uit Zee. This while the city of IJmuiden celebrated the fact that the canal between the town and that of Amsterdam was dugged 125 years ago. The programmes were relayed on medium wave too by Radio 192. Several former offshore radio deejays from the sixties, seventies and eighties came once again together for this weekend. Voices which could be heard doing a program, were from Erik Beekman, Marc Jacobs, Krijn Topping, Will Luikinga, Hugo Meulenhof, Look Boden, Hans Knot, Walter Zwart, Rene van Elst, Johan Visser, Nico Stevens, Ted Bouwens, Marc van Amstel and Edo Peters. Next to that several people who worked in offshore radio came along. Even Peter Chicago took the ferry to Holland to enjoy the party. A tender went every half hour from the harbour to the ship to bring listeners on the ship, who could stay there for an hour. The programmes were well listened too. Many requests came in as well as emails. Even from California Shaun Brennan sent an e-mail.

In many newspapers the Monday afterwards reports were published and two television stations had made a special on the transmissions.

14.8 On this date in 1967 most of the British offshore stations went off the air due to the *Marine Offences Act*. On the London RSL, which is on the air till the end of this month from Clacton on Sea, attention was paid to the MOA. Also on Radio 192 in Holland several flashbacks to the sixties radio were done. On AVRO Radio 2 they invited former Veronica programme director Rob Out to talk about his number one hit 'Kom uit de bedstee' from the sixties. Producer Ton van Draanen told he was too drunk to tell a common word.

18.8 In the sixties and seventies Radio Veronica had on Saturday afternoon's the programme *De zaterdamidaggebeurtenis*. From today this programme, with an old top 40 every time from the offshore area days, is back every Saturday on Radio 192. It is presented by Peter Teekamp. He worked on Radio Caroline in 1979 under the name Carl the Jong.

27.8 In the television programme *Single Luck today* the Dutch group *Tee Set* was highlighted. This group, which had several hits in Holland, also became international stars with the massive hit '*Ma belle amie*'. In the special they told that thanks to Veronica and RNI they became a success and also they told for the first time they paid RNI for playing their records. So payola happened in Holland too in the early seventies.

31.8 On this day, in 1974, most of the Dutch offshore stations went off the air due to a *Dutch version of the Marine Offences Act*. On Radio 192 the whole day former offshore deejays doing shows again. On Radio 10 FM from 19 - 22 h a special with former RNI deejays Hans ten Hoge, Nico Steenbergen, Leo van der Goot and technician Ferry de Groot. Also Peter Holland and Tom Mulder (Klaas Vaak) could be heard during the interviews. All was very fine produced with old jingles and airchecks.

20-8 Vice Minister for Telecommunications has decided to extend the *licences* for the commercial FM stations up to September 1st 2002. This due to the fact the rules for the auction of the frequencies.

22.8 *Q the Beat*, as well as television stations TMV, Kindernet 5, Cartoon Network Fox Network and The Box are not allowed anymore to transmit commercials for companies who sell alcoholic refreshments. The stations are selected by the Foundation for Responsible Alcoholic Use (STIVA). Reason is that these stations are targeting the youth.

28.8 *Sky Radio* mentioned the name of the listener who won the big game 'Have a nice year. It's 24 year old Petra Koppe. A dream car, a whole year free shopping, phoning, cheques for new furniture, going to the movies, flying, free patrol and so on. Next to that she gets

every week 1000 guilders on a bank account. She was voted out of 175.000 people who did the play with Sky Radio. Have a nice year was organised due to the fact that the station was 12,5 years old this year.

But also *Radio 10* has a game. In the past 13 years the station is on the air up till August 28 1.993.995 songs were played. The listeners who can tell the best when number 2 million will be played will get 2 million Dutch cents, which is about 6000 Pounds

Well that's all for this month

Greetings

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