



# RSSL NEWS

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*The General Meeting for the Month of November will be held at the Seminar Room (Ground Floor) of Vidya Mandiraya, SLAAS – Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, 120/10, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7 on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2007 at 5.30 pm.*

Meeting for May will be the last Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the SLAAS at 0530 P.M. on the **last Wednesday of the month**. Please also monitor the RSSL net regularly on 145.625 MHz at 0900 P.M. for RSSL announcements. You are welcome to contact any Council member if you need to verify. Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings. Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

## DESTRIBUTION OF DISASTER RIGS:

As discussed in the Feb/March Newsletter and at the last General Meeting it was decided by the Council to display the rigs at Vasantha 4S7VG's morning QTH down Base Line Road, during working hours after the 19<sup>th</sup> of May until the monthly meeting in may when final bids would be taken and decide who will get what.

Conditions:

1. Only RSSL Corporate Members will be eligible to apply and have to be fully paid up members as at the last AGM.
2. Offers will be entertained for one rig per member. The highest bid will be taken.
3. The Council will take final decision. Any further comments will be entertained until the April General Meeting.

Rigs available for disposal are listed in the Feb/March Newsletter.

1xIcom IC 724, 1x Icom IC 207MK2G, 1x Icom 706, 1xYasru 746, 1xPatcom PC900, 4xYaesu VX150 VHF Handhelds.

For any further info please contact Vasantha 4S7VG President RSSL. 2695807

## CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY MARCH 2007

**NEWSLETTER:** In the Newsletter, Page 3 carried a circuit diagram under the caption 2M Rx for 144-146 MHz – 4S7CP Colin Peiris.

Your Ed assumed the circuit was Colin's own design since there was no reference to any source and he stated all components were available in the local market. Subsequently Colin informed me that it was taken from the Internet and it has been designed by Doorhenk Van

Denhof PE1BVJ. Please be kind enough to insert that correction on that page. Members who receive the e-mail newsletter would have got the correct version.

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If you like to further improve your writing standards you might take a look on the Internet, just type Referencing Material, Proper Credit to Authors etc. A good library will also carry books on the topic but in short, Authors Name, Name of Publication the web URL will be ok in most cases.

REMINDER: We need your articles for the up-coming RSSL Journal. Thanks

## CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCIL ASSOCIATE MEMBER RAVI- 4S5RV

We are very happy to welcome Ravi into the ranks of the 4S community. Ravi can be heard on VHF with the call sign 4S5RV. We hope he will be a 4S7 as soon as the CW test is scheduled. Ravi has been a very active member from the moment he joined the RSSL, having come to know of the RSSL via his listening. That is the best way to start your approach to becoming a Radio Operator. You learn by listening and what you hear will echo in your ears when you sit the examination and later when you start your Ham Radio carrier. Ravi also took part in the JOTA's and the disaster communications drill, going up to Kandy to help with the installation and operation. He also licked many stamps and pasted address labels thereby getting into the rhythm of the RSSL

We urge associate members to get involved in the various activities and be an active part of the Amateur Community. Once again congrats Ravi. You deserve the ticket and we are sure you will be a great asset to the RSSL and fellow hams.

Continuing on the same topic of getting a license, clearance et al. we recommend to everyone to offer both Novice and General/Advance class examinations. The moment you get the results, don't wait for the CW test to apply for the licence even if you have got through the General Class, but straight away go to the TRC and apply for even a 4S5 ticket so that your MOD clearance process will begin immediately. In the meantime practice your CW like hell!!! When you pass your CW test it is a matter of a day or two before you get your upgrade to 4S6 or 7.

### **CONTEST INFORMATION – MAY 2007**

ARI International DX Contest -- CW/SSB/RTTY, from 2000Z May 5-1959Z May 6. Frequencies: CW/SSB -- 160-10 meters, RTTY) -- 80-10 meters. Exchange: RST and serial number. Logs due 30 days after the contest to aricontest@ari.it (Cabrillo format preferred).

IPA Contest -- CW/SSB, from 1400Z-2000Z May 5 (CW), 1400Z-2000Z May 6 (SSB); each mode considered a separate contest. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Exchange: RS(T) and serial number. Logs due Jun 30 to Tom Jenkins, WA8VDC, 4828 Elm St, Newport, MI 48166.

CQ-M International DX Contest -- CW/SSB, from 1200Z May 12-1200Z May 13. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Exchange: RS(T) and serial number. Logs due Jun 15 to cqm@srr.ru or ua0agi@andys.ru.

2 GHz and Up World Wide Club Contest -- from 6 AM local May 12- 8 PM May 13. Frequencies: 2.4 GHz and higher. Exchange: 6 character grid locator. Logs due 60 days after the contest to SBMS Contest Committee, Pat Coker, N6RMJ, 40916 179th St, Lancaster, CA 93535.

Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest -- from 1200Z May 12-1200Z May 13. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Exchange: RST, serial number, CQ Zone. Logs due Jul 31 to log@contestvolta.it.

40th Annual Baltic Contest -- CW/SSB, from 2100Z May 19-0200Z May 20. Frequencies (MHz): CW 3.510-3.600; SSB 3.600-3.650 and 3.700-3.750. Exchange: RS(T) and serial number. Logs due Jul 1 to Irsf@Irsf.lt or PO Box 210, LT-3000 Kaunas, Lithuania.

His Majesty King of Spain Contest -- CW, from 1800Z May 19-1800Z May 20. Frequencies: 160-10 meters using IARU Region 1 band plan. Exchange: RST and serial number. Logs due Jun 20 to concursoshf@ure.es.

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CQ WW WPX Contest -- CW, from 0000Z May 26-2400Z May 27. The 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands may be used. Exchange: RS(T) report plus a progressive contact three-digit serial number starting with 001 for the first contact. CW CABRILLO logs should be sent to cw@cqwpx.com. Deadline: July 1, 2007.

**This information has been extracted from the ARRL website ([www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)) and CQWPX website ([www.cqwpx.com](http://www.cqwpx.com)). Space News.**

**HAM ASTRONAUT to be League's Honoured Guest at ARRL EXPO 2007 in Dayton - By Kenneth, N5VHO**  
March 28, 2007 - 14:10.

NASA Spec shuttle veteran and International Space Station Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, will be the League's guest at Dayton Hamvention 2007, Friday through Sunday, May 18-20, at Hara Arena near Dayton, Ohio. The first Astronaut to work all States from space, McArthur has been applauded for inspiring others through his Ham Radio activities from NAISS. He'll be featured speaker during a closed ARRL reception Thursday, May 17, and will be on hand all day Friday, May 18 to greet and talk with visitors to ARRL EXPO 2007 at Hamvention.

### **-Unquote.**

Incidentally 4S7WP once worked Bill KC5ACR while ISS over Sri Lanka, and monitored by me, but I failed to make a QSO due to a mix up with my transmission, some two years back. (Sena 4S5SS)

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