



RSSL NEWS

APRIL/MAY 2010 THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The General Meeting for the Month of May 2010 will be held on Wednesday the 26th of May and for June the 30th of June 2010.. The venue is the Balcony Hall of the Otters Aquatic Club 380 / 1 Baudhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7. at 6.00 p.m. In future too the meetings will be held at this venue. Its not far from the BMICH towards Borella. Continue towards the rear of the BMICH at the Wijerama Rd / Baudhaloka Mawatha junction.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at Otters Aquatic Club at 6.00 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.

OBITUARY-

Passing away of Mr. Sunil Abeysundare 4S7AB / Dr. Bill Benson W4ABG

Following is an e mail that I received from the XYL of Dr. Bill Benson. W4ABG.

(Mr. Sunil Abeysundara - 4S7AB, former member of the RSSL) I am passing on this sad news to you as requested by Mrs. Benson.

You may also convey this sad news, to the rest of the members of the RSSL please.

Calvin Fernando, (4s7cf)

----- Original Message -----

From: sue

To: <mailto:4s7cf@sltnet.lk>4s7cf@sltnet.lk

Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 12:34 AM

Subject: Demise of Bill

I wish to inform you with a sense of sadness of the demise of my husband Dr. Bill Benson. He passed away recently (12th April) and was cremated at a private ceremony according to his wishes.

Prior to his passing he provided me with a list of those he wished me to inform via email.

If you know of any others who may wish to know of Bill's passing please inform them.

Some of you may have known him as "NibiruET" on the Internet forums he participated in. If so kindly notify the membership, particularly the "PCLOS Backroom Forum" members.

Sincerely

Sue Benson

We are indeed sad to hear of Sunil's passing away. He was a very active ham and one of the youngest to get a ticket in the 60s/70s before he QSYd to W-land. Sunil kept in touch with some of us & we are indeed sad to hear of Sunil's demise. Sunil was 62. Unfortunately we do not have any QSL info of his XYL to give you. Contact Calvin who might have the info. Ed.

RADIO AMATEUR EXAMINATION- 2010

According to Assistant Director TRCSL in charge of examinations Mr. Ganeshamoorthi the gazette notification calling for applications will appear on the 5th of June and closing date will be the end of June. PLEASE INFORM YOUR FRIENDS AND THOSE INTERESTED. Don't miss out on this chance.

4S7VJ & 4S7KG conduct classes at the club shack for members of the RSSL on Sundays. Contact Wijay and arrange to meet at the shack. 0777890406

Congratulations to 4S5SIE Sudresh Ekanayake from Meegalawa for getting his license. Also 4S5ABC Samantha, 4S6BPS Bandula who was a very active SWL from Veyangoda. We understand Lal Aponso from Ja-ela has also obtained his ticket and a few more are awaiting their calls. We welcome all of them to the Amateur Radio Community and wish them long years of enjoyment and also that they will give out their time and expertise to the community because Amateur Radio is more than a hobby, it's a service.

AMATEUR EQUIPMENT- My good friend and QSL manager John Meyer NZ9Z/4S7N2G has collected about 10 VHF sets, base stations and Handhelds to be given to Sri Lankan Radio Amateurs. They are used but in excellent condition. They are donations and the only cost to you is that you pay the cost of postage/freight from the US to Sri Lanka. If someone can hand carry it him/herself or get someone to bring it so much the better. Of course the recipient will have to make all arrangements to get MOD/TRCSL clearance and clear customs. If anyone is interested please contact me Victor 4S7VK at 0112614098. I shall get you the specifications of the set and you will have 3 months to get clearance and get it. After which it will be offered to someone else. This is not an RSSL managed project, however anyone who is a member & who has a valid license is eligible on a first come first served basis. You don't have to be one of "my friends".

TIPS FOR OPTIMUM LIFE PROTECTION DURING LIGHTNING !!!

Dear All,

You all must have experienced heavy thunderstorms and lightning last night. The Meteorological Department has warned the public to be vigilant during thunderstorms. They say on an average 20% of strike victims die and 70% of survivors suffer long term disabilities. Ten deaths (5 - Polonnaruwa, 3 - Gampaha, 2 - Bibile) and hundreds of injuries due to lightning were reported in year 2009.

Please note this is the peak period for lightning. So carefully read the following instructions issued by the NDMC. - TIPS FOR OPTIMUM LIFE PROTECTION DURING LIGHTNING !!!

*Keep away from any connectivity with water. Avoid

- bathing, washing etc.
- *Wipe and dry up your body as quickly as possible.
 - *Avoid wearing wet cloths.
 - *Try to be inside a properly enclosed building.
 - *If at home, the most secured position is lying on the bed not touching any walls. Restrict your body expand only to the rubber mattress.
 - *Avoid being closer to windows, doors, car porches, cloth lines, metal fences, metal shelters, transformers, switch boards and telephones.
 - *Move away from groups of people.
 - *Avoid leveled outdoor open spaces. Cease all outdoor activities.
 - *Avoid being on top or near hill tops, roof tops and tower tops.
 - *Avoid being in or near water swimming pools, rivers, streams or beach.
 - *Never use any phones mobile or land. Disconnect the phone wires.
 - *Do not use or be near the refrigerator.
 - *Disconnect TV antenna wire and place it outside through a window.
 - *Avoid using computer or other electric / electronic appliances.
 - *Disconnect all corded electrical connections. Stop battery charging.
 - *Ensure that the earth wire resistance does not exceed 10ohm/meters.
 - *Take pets inside the building. Leave their metal chains outside.
 - *Avoid using umbrellas and other objects with metallic components.
 - *Avoid riding bikes, motor bikes, horses and open roof vehicles
 - *Switch off car stereos. Close the shutters and doors when driving during lightning. As much as possible, do not touch metal parts. Avoid driving in leveled open spaces. Park in basements at all possible circumstances.
 - *Avoid taking shelter under tall trees. Squat down to lower your height.
 - *In the night lightning times, consider disconnecting main power from the MCB and try to depend on candle light during the danger period.
 - *If the time gap between the lightning flash AND the thunderbolt is less than 15 seconds, you are in the danger zone. If you can hear the thunder you are in the striking distance.
- Remember that lightning can strike as far as 16 kms (10miles) away from the raining zone.**
(Data Courtesy National Disaster Management Center)

Editors Note: When you have done all that you will see that there is nothing much else you can do!!! Maybe get under the bed. What you do under the bed is your choice as long as you don't use metal objects!!!!

But seriously that's good advice. True there are times we have to be in our vehicle and some might find it impossible to miss Mahagedara or some such. In that case hope for the best Deiyo Budhun sihikaragena!!! By the way remember you have to pullout any power plugs and telephone connections to your internet modem/router... in short no physical connection to power sockets or telephone lines whether the appliance/equipment is switched off or not. All antennas connectors should be unplugged and grounded or put out of the window. Don't take a chance with your transceiver/receiver/handheld/ as these things are very hard to replace and if you are careless, well you will have all the time in the world to repent.

Take care folks.

HOBBY FAIR 2010: A reminder that the hobby fair is scheduled for the first weekend in July. We need volunteers to help at our stall.

A spark of interest can be the first step to greatness. This spark is what the Rotary Club of Colombo in association with SLANA (Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association) hopes to generate in Sri Lanka through the "Hobby Fair 2010". Organized in aid of Cancer and Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention, the Hobby Fair committee launches this unique event with the primary goal of offering the younger generation an avenue to express their creativity and talents.

The Hobbies Fair 2010 will take place in June 2010 at the Sri Lankan Exhibition and Convention Centre. Although the three day event will cater mainly to the youth, it is also open to all and any amateur and professional hobbyists, artists, crafts persons and related vendors of any age in order to create an effective multi-purpose forum that connects both traditional and modern hobbies to facilitate new learning." The RSSL wishes to take part and seek volunteers to man the stall. Pl contact Harenn 0773136638.

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