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MONTHLY MEETING FOR JULY IS ON WEDNESDAY THE 30th of JULY 2003

The General Meeting for the Month of July will be held at 5.30 PM at the Tourist Board Committee Room on Wednesday the 30th of July 2003

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at The Ceylon Tourist Board Committee room, 80, Galle Road, Colpetty at 0530 PM 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. (Hony. Secretary – Kusal Epa 4S7KE Phone :853982). Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer at the monthly meetings

RSSL Announcements

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Please see the attached Notice

OBITUARY- NADISHA RANMUTHU 4S7NR

The RSSL is deeply shocked by the news of the tragic death of Nadisha Ranmuthu 4S7NR while serving with the ICRC in Baghdad, Iraq.

Nadisha was known to many in the RSSL and was a very active radio ham both on and off the band. As an IT specialist he helped many and had numerous friends in the RSSL. He also served as a former Editor and the first web master of the RSSL. His services to the RSSL will be long remembered and appreciated. The RSSL will be represented at the funeral and already many members have condoled with the family. The RSSL extends its deepest sympathies to Nadisha's XYL Chandra (4S6CR) their 3 year old daughter, his parents and family members. Nadisha will be missed by radio amateurs in this country and the many friends he made world-wide through amateur radio.

The funeral will take place from his parental residence at 58/3, Suhada Place, Thalapathpitiya Road, Nugegoda. Tel. 833643. The cortege will leave at 4 P.M. for Godigamuwa Cemetery – Maharagama, for cremation at 6 P.M. on Monday the 28th July.

Light House Expedition

The International Amateur Radio lighthouse weekend is scheduled to be held this year on 16th and 17th August 2003 weekend.

On this weekend amateur radio operators all around the world will be transmitting from lighthouses with the objective of

fostering international relations, exposing their hobby to the public while focusing on lighthouses and their preservation. Over 350 lighthouses in 40 countries will be on the air.

Permission has been sought from the Harbour Master to operate this years event at both Dondra and Beruwala. Those who wish to participate should inform the RSSL in advance as the ID card numbers have to be sent to the SL Ports Authority. Please give your information at the monthly meeting or by the 1st of August to Kusal. The RSSL will operate from Beruwala and Nalaka 4S6NM is to co-ordinate activities at Dondra.

LEONARD FERNANDO 0Z6ZW

As announced in the last Newsletter Leonard visited Sri Lanka in June and July and made a fine presentation at the last Monthly Meeting. Leonard spoke about Amateur Radio in OZ Land and also showed a video of the official handing over of the 3rd repeater to Leonard on behalf of the RSSL. There were 22 members in attendance and they enjoyed the presentation. The RSSL made a presentation of a handsome plaque to be given to OM Allen 0Z3ACC. The RSSL also hosted Leonard to dinner in appreciation of his deep interest in getting the repeater at the Harbour Room of Hotel Taprobane. Thanks again OM Leonard and Allan. Final arrangements are underway to get the repeater down to 4S.

RADIO HISTORY IS MADE AT WRC-03 WITH 7-MHZ REALIGNMENT COMPROMISE

In a historic move, delegates to World Radio-communication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) agreed to move broadcasters out of 7100 to 7200 kHz in Regions 1 and 3 to make room for the Amateur Service. International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Secretary-- and ARRL CEO--David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the "carefully crafted compromise" calls for broadcasters to vacate 7100 to 7200 kHz by March 29, 2009. Amateurs in the US and the rest of Region 2 will continue to enjoy the 7000 to 7300 kHz band they now have, and eventually with greatly reduced broadcasting interference.

The compromise marked the first time in the history of internationally co-ordinated radio spectrum allocation that an HF broadcasting band was shifted to accommodate the needs of another service. It cuts in half the incompatibility between amateur and broadcasting use of the 7 MHz band and doubles the 40-meter spectrum

available to amateurs in Regions 1 and 3.

While the result falls short of the IARU's goal of a 300-kHz world-wide exclusive band for amateurs, the co-operation of broadcasters, opposing delegates and many others was required to make a positive step for ham radio. Spectrum between 4 and 10 MHz is on the agenda for WRC-07, but the next conference will not consider further changes to 7000-7200 kHz.

As expected, WRC-03 also dropped the international Morse code requirement for HF access, leaving individual countries to decide if they want to retain a code proficiency requirement (Switzerland already has dropped the requirement). In addition, the conference adopted a number of improvements to other international regulations for the Amateur Service. Delegates also agreed to allow a secondary allocation for satellite borne synthetic aperture radars at 70 cm and, in an Article 19 change, made amateur call sign assignments more flexible. Michael Owen, VK3KI, a member of the IARU team at Geneva, has provided a detailed explanation of Article 25 changes in the article "New Regulations for the Amateur Services." It's available on the IARU Web site <<http://www.iaru.org/rel030703att3.html>>.

More than 2600 delegates and other participants attended the four-week-long conference, chaired by Dr

the team--led by IARU President Larry Price, W4RA--included Bob Jones, VE7RWJ; Wojciech Nietyksza, SP FM, and Ken Pulfer, VE3PU.

More than a dozen other amateurs were present on national delegations or in other roles for the IARU, its regional organisations and member-societies. Veena Rawat of Canada. For WRC-03, the IARU fielded its largest team of observers at an ITU conference in more than a decade. In addition to Sumner and Owen,

Changes to Articles 19 and 25 took effect on July 5, 2003. In general, the other Final Acts take effect on January 1, 2005

Editor's Note Members articles are always welcome. If we have sufficient material we will not hesitate to increase the number of pages.

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