



# RSSL NEWS

July 2007

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**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 July 2007 at 5.30 pm.**

## **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.

**PARKING ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements have been made to use the SLAS members parking area for RSSL Members. So make use of it and come for the meeting.**

## **RADIO AMATEUR EXAMINATION 2007-**

Members have already received admission cards for the above examination which will be held as follows

**Novice class Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Advance class Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
**General class Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**We wish all those sitting the examination every success. The COUNCIL is making arrangements to meet the TRC regarding exams, delayed clearances for members who have applied for the license. If there is any matter that you would like raised, please inform the President or Secretary.**

**DESTRIBUTION OF DISASTER RIGS:** RSSL distributed Tsunami received equipment at the monthly meeting after drawing of lots. We are glad that a few members are on the air and hope others too will come on air.

**RSSL NOTICES: THE following items need to be discussed at the General Meeting. Please come with your suggestions:**

1. Morse code
2. Control operators
3. Echo Link
4. Light House Expedition
5. Ham Radio demonstration station

The council decided to send a questioner and get the consent from each member for reducing the Morse speed for RAE. We discussed on the CM and GM –June

Questions:

(i) Tick one of this

(a) Completely remove Morse code test and select the Category of licence (Novice-A, Novice-B, General & Advance) according to the marks of the written test.

(b) No Morse for Novice & General classes. 5 wpm for Advance class. Select the category of licence according to the marks of the written test.

(c) Keep as it is without any change.

(ii) If we haven't received any response from any member, the Council will go ahead taking into consideration the responses received and take a decision. The issue will be discussed at the July meeting in detail.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS CLUB STATION OPRS**

There is a need for volunteers as control operators for the RSSL club station. If we have sufficient members who can help with running the station we could keep the club station operational more often. The station is fully equipped to operate on VHF and all HF Bands 40 upwards. Any member wishing to operate the station can also contact the President or Secretary and make arrangements.

## **ECHO LINK**

Echo link is operating 24 hrs successfully after fixing of a another computer belonging to Rodney-4S7RM. Ananda 4S7NB and other Sri Lankan stations abroad have been able to resume contacts.

## **LIGHT HOUSE DXSPEDITION**

Every year for the last so many the RSSL has been able to operate special event stations for the Light House Weekend. Some years they have been very successful, while some years we have been able to make a token effort. Lets hope we can really make a difference this year again. If you could operate from a Light House get in touch with the President or Secretary who can get the necessary clearances for you and your team.

The Light House Expedition will be on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. We hope to conduct at Beruwala and Dondra. Please contact any council member and give following the details as soon as possible, those who wish to join

- (i) Name
- (ii) NIC or passport number
- (iii) Joining station (Beruwala or Dondra)

Please note that the Beruwala trip will depend on the wx condition of sea

### **HAM RADIO STATION IN GALLE**

There will be a Ham Radio demonstration station at the Technical College Galle on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Members in the Galle Area can drop in and take part in the operations. The call sign is 4S5TG

**RSSL JOURNAL: THE RESPONSE FROM MEMBERS has been dismal. We wish to thank Colin Pieris for his article which was the only one received....so far????**

#### **EDITORS NOTE:**

I wish to apologise to the membership for the delayed Newsletter. I have had more than my share of work to handle at my morning QTH, family commitments and a bad back problem. I hope you can bear with me. I wish to thank especially the Council for helping me out with the despatching of the Newsletter, 4S7VJ and KG in particular.

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