



# RSSL NEWS

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**The General Meeting for the Month of June will be held at the Seminar Room (Ground Floor) of Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), Vidya Mandiraya, 120/10, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7 on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 0530 pm.**

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at SLAAS at 0530 PM on the **last Wednesday of the month**. Please also monitor the RSSL net regularly on 145.625 MHz at 0900 PM and 145.650 MHz at 0930 PM for announcements of RSSL. 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 accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings. Renewals can also be done by posting a cheque or money order to him.

## DISTRIBUTION OF DISASTER RIGS

The council has decided to distribute VHF handhelds received as disaster communications aid, selecting recipients by a raffle at the upcoming general meeting on **June 28<sup>th</sup>**. All members who were fully paid up as at the last AGM (held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005) and obtained their membership prior to the Tsunami (December 26<sup>th</sup> 2004) are invited to apply. Eight (8) Icom IC-V8 transceivers are available for distribution. All members who wish to participate in this raffle are advised to be present at the general meeting and hand over a written request. Members kindly note that handing over of these rigs to members who are selected at the draw is subject to receiving clearance from the MOD. Each recipient will be required to obtain clearance from the MOD through the TRC. The RSSL will assist in this process. Each recipient will also be required to make a contribution of Rs 10,000 towards recovering the cost of customs duty, clearing charges including demurrage.

The Council wishes to thank 4S5BA Bharath for his untiring efforts to clear these rigs requiring many visits to Customs, Inland Revenue, Import Control, TRC and spending long hours. 4S5RD Ranuka was able to take over the process and do the final clearing at a time when things were getting held up. In all it took more than a year and a half to clear this package due to long delays in giving clearance by the MOD and delays at various departments. The RSSL thanks Mr. Inou of Icom Electronics for donating these transceivers to the RSSL and Mr. Hasegawa leader of the Japanese DX team that visits Sri Lanka every year for arranging this donation. We trust that better equipped members will be able to help in disaster communications preparedness programmes of the RSSL.

**NEWSLETTER** - We are deeply distressed at the inconvenience faced by members due to long delays in the arrival of the Newsletter. The last Newsletter was posted early on Saturday morning, but many members received it after the following Wednesday meeting date. The post has become very unreliable and this unfortunately is beyond our control. Members can get into the free e-mail distribution list thereby

ensuring the receipt of the Newsletter before the monthly meeting. Just send an e-mail to the Editor at [victorg@sl.lk](mailto:victorg@sl.lk)

Your Articles and contributions are greatly appreciated to make the Newsletter more interesting and useful. This month's Newsletter is hurriedly got up and posted 10 days before the scheduled meeting to give sufficient time to get the Newsletter to members especially due to the draw of the Handhelds.(Editor)

## NEW MEMBERS

Following persons were admitted to respective grades of membership indicated below:

Mr. G.K. Premadasa	Associate
Mr. A.N. Canagasabey	Associate
Mr. W.N. Canagasabey	Student
Mr. S.K. Vijithananda	Associate

## MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

### WANTED

*2 nd Hand 2M hand held (HT)*

*In good working condition please*

*Call with pricing .... 0776509108 0112561840*

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### WANTED

ARRL Handbook and RSGB/ARRL wire antenna book.

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## CONTEST INFORMATION – JULY 2006

Canada Day Contest -- CW/Phone, sponsored by the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) from 0000Z-2359Z Jul 1. Frequencies: 160-10, 6 and 2 meters. Categories: SOAB (HP, LP, QRP, SOSB, MS (LP, HP), MM. Exchange: VE1-9 send RS(T) and province or territory, VEØ and non-VE send RS(T) and serial number. QSO points: VE and VEØs -- 10 pts, non-VE -- 2 pts, RAC official stations (suffix of RAC) -- 20 pts. Score: QSO points × Provinces/Territories counted once per band and mode. For more information: [www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm](http://www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm). Logs due Jul 31 to [canada@rac.ca](mailto:canada@rac.ca) or Radio Amateurs of Canada, 720 Belfast Rd, Ste 217, Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z5, Canada.

Venezuelan Independence Day Contest -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the Radio Club Venezolano from 0000Z Jul 1-2400Z Jul 2. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SOAB and SOSB (CW, SSB, and mixed), MS (mixed mode). Exchange: RS(T) plus serial number. Work any station -- not just YV. QSO points: Own country -- 1 pt, different country, same continent -- 3 pts, different cont -- 5 pts. Score: QSO points × YV call areas + DXCC entities counted once per band. For

more information: <http://radioclubvenezolano.org/concurso.htm>. Logs due Aug 31 to [contestyv@cantv.net](mailto:contestyv@cantv.net) or Radio Club Venezolano, Concurso, Independencia de Venezuela, PO Box 2285, Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela.

DL-DX-RTTY-Contest -- RTTY/PSK, sponsored by the DL DX RTTY Contest Group (DRCG) from 1100Z Jul 1-1059Z Jul 2. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: SOAB and SO-Dipole/Ground-Plane (Full-time, 6 Hour), MS. Exchange: RST + serial number. QSO points: own country -- 5 pts, diff country -- 10 pts, diff continent -- 15 pts, with DL station add 3 pts from EU, 5 points elsewhere. Score: QSO points × DXCC entities + VK/VE/JAW call areas from each band. For more information: [www.drcg.de](http://www.drcg.de). Logs in Cabrillo format due Aug 10 to [logs@drcg.de](mailto:logs@drcg.de).

DARC 10-Meter Digital "Corona" -- RTTY/AMTOR/FACTOR/PSK31/Clover, sponsored by Deutscher Amateur Radio Club from 1100Z-1700Z Jul 2 ([www.darc.de/referate/dx](http://www.darc.de/referate/dx)).

IARU HF World Championship -- from 1200Z Jul 8-1200Z Jul 9.

World Wide Major Six Club Contest -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the Six Meter World Wide DX Club, from 2300Z Jul 8-0300Z Jul 9. Frequencies: 50 MHz only. Categories: SO only. Exchange: Grid square. QSO points: own country -- 1 pt, diff country (incl KH6 and KL7) -- 2 pts. Score: QSO points × grid squares (counted only once). For more information: <http://6mt.com/contest.htm>. Logs due 30 days after the contest to [ka5cvh@arrl.net](mailto:ka5cvh@arrl.net) or to Mike Ulrich, KA5CVH, Six Club Contest Director, 9807 Oakmont Dr, LaPorte, TX 77571.

FISTS Summer Sprint -- CW, from 1700Z-2100Z Jul 9.

QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint -- CW, from 2000Z-2400Z Jul 9 (see Dec 2005 QST, p 86, or [www.qrparci.org/contest.htm](http://www.qrparci.org/contest.htm)). Add the following bonus points for each band on which homebrew gear is used: 2000 pts for homebrew transmitter, 3000 pts for homebrew receiver, 5000 pts for homebrew transceiver. Logs due 30 days after the contest to [contest@qrparci.org](mailto:contest@qrparci.org) or Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF, 139 Elizabeth St W, Welland, ON L3C 4M3, Canada.

CQ WW VHF Contest -- all modes, sponsored by CQ Magazine from 1800Z Jul 15-2100Z Jul 16. Frequencies: 50 and 144 MHz bands, except 146.52 MHz (and other national simplex calling frequencies) and repeater frequencies. Please avoid the DX windows and international calling frequencies. Categories: SOAB, SOSB, MM, Rover, Hilltopper, QRP (<10 W). Exchange: Call sign and four-digit Maidenhead grid. Work Rover stations in each grid. QSO points: 50 MHz -- 1 pt, 144 MHz -- 2 pts. Score: QSO points × grids counted once per band (Rovers count grids from each activated grid). For more information: [www.cqww-vhf.com](http://www.cqww-vhf.com). Logs in Cabrillo format due Sep 1 to [cqvhf@cqww-vhf.com](mailto:cqvhf@cqww-vhf.com), via Web submission form at [www.b4h.net/cabforms/cqwwvhf\\_cab.php](http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/cqwwvhf_cab.php) or CQ VHF Contest, 25 Newbridge Rd, Hicksville, NY 11801

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Flight of the Bumblebees -- CW, sponsored by the Adventure Radio Society, 1700Z-2100Z Jul 30. Bumblebees are low power portable stations that walk, bike or boat to their sites and sign /BB after their calls. Frequencies (MHz): 7.040, 14.060, 21.060, 28.060. Exchange: RST, S/P/C and Bumblebee Number or power (5 W maximum). Score: QSOs × number of different Bumblebees contacted ×3. For more information -- [www.arsqrp.com/ars/pages/bumblebees/bb\\_rules.html](http://www.arsqrp.com/ars/pages/bumblebees/bb_rules.html). Logs due Aug 9 via the ARS Web site.

RSGB Islands-On-The-Air Contest -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the RSGB from 1200Z Jul 29-1200Z Jul 30. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: SOAB and SOAB-Assisted (SSB/CW/Mixed, 12 and 24 hour entries, High/Low/QRP power), MS. All categories Island or World (non-Island). Exchange: RS(T) and serial number, Island stations add IOTA reference number. QSO points: Contacts with own IOTA -- 3 pts, with other IOTA -- 15 pts, non-island -- 3 pts. Score: QSO points × IOTA refs, counted once per band and mode. For more information: [www.rsgbhfcc.org](http://www.rsgbhfcc.org). Logs due Sep 1 to [iota.logs@rsgbhfcc.org](mailto:iota.logs@rsgbhfcc.org) or RSGB IOTA Contest, PO Box 9, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3RH, England.

**This information was extracted from ARRL Web Page at [www.arrl.org/contests/months/jul.html](http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/jul.html).**

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