



RSSL NEWS

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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE OF MARCH MEETING

The General Meeting for the Month of March 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 Tuesday the March 28th 2006 at 0530 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 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.

OBITUARY - EDWARD WICKRAMASINGHE



A good friend of all who knew him, 4S7EW passed away on the 3rd of March after a fatal motor accident. Edward left us so suddenly that we are all in a state of shock and grief.

Edward was a long standing member of the RSSL even long before he obtained his license in 1983. He worked for TNL and was our Nuwara Eliya repeater custodian for more than 10 years. He spent many lonely years up on the Oliphant Estate site of TNL Radio/TV and made sure that our repeater functioned regularly.

He was a regular visitor to many a ham home, and the greatness of this humble man was that he was accepted by all

strata of ham society. He listened to many of the controversies patiently and tried always to defuse tensions. Never indulged in gossip but always tried hard to keep people together and often to set the record straight.

In Edward we have lost a great man, a fine radio ham a bridge and a common friend to all in the RSSL. He gave away what ever little he had and when one reflects on his life one comes to realize how much he gave, and gave much more than those who have much. He never asked for anything but for something for another ham.

Many paid their respects at the funeral and he was laid to rest amongst a large gathering of Radio Amateurs.

Although this simple unassuming man is no more he left behind much that we can learn from, especially how to conduct human relationships.

To his wife and three children we extend our deepest sympathies.

4S7RS IN NUWARAELIYA

About 12 000 scouts had participated in the Jamboree Station in Nuwaraeliya. RSSL wishes to thank all those who contributed to successfully complete the event.

YATI REPEATER- At the time of writing the Yati Repeater is out of commission due to a lightning strike which destroyed the battery charger. A replacement along with a new battery is being prepared. It should go up to Yatiyantota before too long once the transport is arranged to the mountain top. In the meantime the Nuwara Eliya repeater is saving the day, although many of the Echo Link fans are missing communications without the Yati Repeater.

MEETING WITH DGT

An RSSL delegation met DGT on March 7th. Following decisions were taken at the meeting:

1. Every attempt will be taken to stop delay in clearance of rigs in the future.
2. A long-term program will be implemented to stop interference on HF ham bands.
3. Theory part of ARE will be conducted annually while CW examination will be held twice a year.
4. RSSL was allowed to take decisions on regulations of ARE.
5. Action will be taken to issue special call signs to club stations and special event stations.

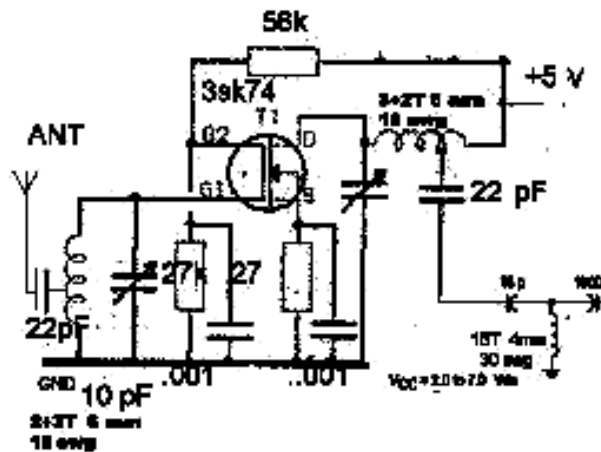
NEW MEMBERS

The council has admitted following members to the respective grades of membership indicated below:

J.N.S. Jayakody 4S7JK Corporate Member
R.M.S.A.B. Rathnayaka Student Member

A LOW COST 2 m RECEIVER BY 4S5SN

OM Suranga 4S5SN has produced a low cost, high sensitivity VHF receiver for 144 to 146 MHz. He has downloaded the basic circuit from www.motorola.com. Other parts of the circuit and PCB were designed by him. According to him, all parts of this circuit are available in the local market. RSSL News publishes only the front end of this circuit this month. Full details of the project are available with him (072-2575575, 078-5004743 or s_nayanajith@yahoo.com).



CW CLASSES BY 4S7KG

After successfully training the first batch of students at the RSSL Club Station, OM Kule 4S7KG is planning to begin classes for the second batch shortly. Interested SWLs and Novices please contact him (2878170 or kule4s7kg@yahoo.co.uk).

CONTEST INFORMATION – APRIL 2006

Courtesy ARRL

- (1) SP DX Contest-CW/SSB from 1500Z Apr 1 to 1500Z Apr 2. Frequencies: 160-10 meters, Exchange: RS(T) and serial number or Polish province. Logs due Apr 30 to spdx-logs@pzk.org.pl.
- (2) Japan International DX Contest (JIDX)-CW from 0700Z Apr 8 to 1300Z Apr 9. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Exchange: RST + JA prefecture number or CQ Zone. Logs due May 31 to jidx-cw@jidx.org.
- (3) Yuri Gagarin DX Contest-CW from 2100Z Apr 8 to 2100Z Apr 9. Frequencies: 160-10 meters and Amateur Satellites. Exchange: RST + ITU Zone. Logs due May 9 to gc@qst.ru.
- (4) YU DX Contest-CW from 2100Z Apr 15 to 0500Z Apr 16 and 0900Z to 1700Z Apr 16. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Exchange: RST + ITU Zone. Logs due 30 days after the contest to logs@yudx.net.

PRINTED MATTER

If undelivered, please return to

RSSL,
P.O. Box 907,
Colombo.

(5) Holyland DX Contest-CW/SSB from 0000Z-2359Z Apr 15. Frequencies: 160-10 meters, work Israeli stations. Exchange RST and serial number or Israel district. Logs due May 31 to 4z4kx@iar.org.

(6) ES Open HF Championship-CW/SSB from 0500Z to 0859Z Apr 15. Frequencies: 80 and 40 meters. Exchange: RST and serial numbers. Logs due May 20 to esopen@erau.ee.

(7) DXColombia International Contest-Phone/CW from 0000Z Apr 22 to 0000Z Apr 23. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Logs due Sep 23 to dxcolombia@costa.net.co.

(8) Helvetia Contest-CW/SSB/Digital from 1300Z Apr 29 to 1259Z Apr 30. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Logs due 31 days after the contest to contest@uska.ch.

Full information is available at www.arrl.org/contests/months/apr.html.

4S7RS WINS SEANET

4S7RS has secured the first place in multi-operator, all band, mixed mode category in the SEANET Contest, 2005. Members are encouraged to participate in these events in the future.

USAGE OF YATIYANTHOTA REPEATER ON WEEKENDS

Since there is a need to simultaneously carryout both Dx and local QSOs on Yatiyanthota repeater on weekends, members are requested to adhere into a certain protocol to facilitate this usage.

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