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The General Meeting for the Month of May will be held at the Council Room (1st Floor) of Vidya Mandiraya, SLAAS – Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science 120/10, Vidya Mawatha Colombo 7 on Wednesday the 26th of May 2004 at 5.30 pm.

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR GENERAL MEETINGS . From this month onwards General Meetings will be held at the Council Room of SLAAS. SLAAS is located near many professional institutions like NIBM, Institute of Architects and the Institution of Engineers (IESL). To approach SLAAS one can proceed to Vidya Mawatha at Independence square near SSC ground or through Wijerama Mawatha off Baudhaloka Mawatha side.. (Thanks Nishantha 4S7NI for finding us the new venue)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the Council Room of SLAAS 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:011-2853982). Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

RSSL DX Night – Saturday 29th May 2004

Date : Saturday 29th May 2004

Time : 3pm onwards till the following morning

Venue : Club Penthouse Island Resort – Bolgoda

(Same venue where RSSL family get together was held in December 2002)

The RSSL Club station will be in operation with 2 or more HF and VHF stations in operation. All members including non licensed members will have the opportunity to work the RSSL Club station and operate HF DX on this occasion. The equipment and antennas belonging to the Japanese DX group will be used for this occasion along with RSSL equipment.

We intend to make this a fun event and dinner will be served (cost per head Rs. 480/=). Also bring your musical instruments and RF to cheer up things.

Those who do not intend to spend the whole night in the Island can go back after dinner and for the benefit of those who intend to operate the whole night a changing room with toilets is available and we also intend to erect two large tents. So bring your own bedsheets/sleeping bags and other personal needs if you intend to spend the night.

A raffle will be conducted where 15 prizes will be drawn on dinner tickets

We need a minimum of 25 members to make this event a success, so make your reservations early with the Victor, Kusal, Asantha or Sena. Shared transport could be arranged with other members from around Colombo for those who need.

How to get there The island resort is located on Bolgoda lake and the approach is from Madapatha. From Piliyandala town get to Madapatha along Madapatha Road to which the turn off is about half a km past the Piliyandala Junction on the Horana Colombo Road. Once you reach Madapatha Jnct. Proceed to Thurduwa, about half a km. You can't miss it at that point.

Amateur Radio Exam

Applications for the next amateur radio examination has been Gazetted on 14th May, closing date on 23rd of June.

Amateur Radio classes

The RSSL will start amateur radio classes from June. Classes will initially be held once in two weeks and the first two classes have been scheduled for 6th and 20th June Sundays at 3.30 pm. First class will be on Introduction to amateur radio and the second class on Propagation. Classes will be held at No 82/1, Galle Road, Bambalapitiya (Near Banana Leaf, entrance from Hague Road). RSSL wishes to thank Bharat 4S5BA for providing space for conducting the classes.

Tower for sale

RSSL intends to sell the 18m tower which was donated to RSSL by the former German Ambassador. Several companies dealing with towers have been asked to submit bids to buy the tower. If any member is interested please contact the Secretary. The tower is of German origin and consist of 6 sections. It is in dismantled form now lying at the QTH of Dammika – 4S7DF, and could be inspected by prior appointment. Contact Dammika on 011-2730386 or mobile 077-7309175 if you need to inspect the tower.

RSSL CALLBOOK 2004

A copy of callbook is enclosed with this newsletter for every member. RSSL thanks Calvin 4S7CF for bearing the cost of printing the callbook. We hope the members will find it a useful file of members, Sri Lankan call sign holders and also useful other information like the International Call allocations, and Frequency allocations for the Radio Amateur Service.

Corrections:

Please make the following corrections in the Frequency allocation page of 2004 callbook

Under frequency allocations for Novice class B, in addition to 144-146 MHz, all allocations in Novice class A should also be included.

Under frequency allocation for Advance and General class licenses.

Due to a printing error 24.800-24.900 MHz
Should read as 24.890 -24.990 MHz

The following abbreviations should be included
P - PRIMARY SERVICE
S - SECONDARY SERVICE

FIRST EVER DAISY BOOKS PUBLISHED IN SRI LANKA- CONGRATULATIONS KULE 4S7KG

1) **Lecture Notes On Amateur Radio.** (English, abt 200 pages, abt 6 Hrs talking time) 2) **Civil Procedure Code** (Law book in Sinhalese, abt 400 pages, abt 27 Hrs talking time) These are the very first Daisy books ever produced in Sri Lanka. On 20th May (Thursday) I will be making a demonstration at the "Advanced Digital Media Technology Centre (ADMTC) of the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC). I would like to present the very first Daisy book "Lecture Notes on Amateur Radio" specially to the Blind/ Visually impaired Hams & SWLs in the forthcoming RSSL General Meeting.(these books on CD can be easily and effectively used by the sighted Hams/SWLs).;This Daisy book on CD can be used by any person, using a computer. **What is DAISY?**

The acronym stands for Digital Accessible Information SYstem. Often, the term is used to refer to a standard for producing accessible and navigable multimedia documents. In current practice, these documents are Digital Talking Books, digital text books, or a combination of synchronised audio and text books.

DAISY is a globally recognised technical standard to facilitate the creation of accessible content. The standard was originally developed to **benefit people who are unable to read print due to a disability**, but it also has broad applications for improved access to text in the mainstream.

Someone who is blind or visually impaired is able to navigate through a DAISY book by moving among the headings, chapters, and pages. Depending upon how the book is produced, images with descriptions may be included, along with even more detailed navigation.. Reading devices for these materials enable users to place bookmarks for later reference. Books consisting of navigable audio files may be accessed with a portable Daisy p;player "Plexitalk" or via computer. Vy 73 es Cuagn!, Kule 4S7KG.

Kule will formally present the Book on Amateur Radio to the RSSL at the monthly meeting. Please be present to appreciate and encourage this valuable project. Congratulations on behalf of all the members and Council of the RSSL. Ed.

CONTEST INFORMATION

Credit must go to the ARRL from which the information was gathered.

1. CQ WW WPX Contest CW
0000 UTC May 29 to 2400 May 30

2. IARU Region 1 Field Day-CW--sponsored by IARU Societies from 1500Z, Jun 5 to 1459Z, Jun 6 (SSB-Sep 4-5). Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SOAB

(LP, QRP), MS (HP, LP). Exchange: RST and serial number. QSO points: non-EU to EU--3 pts, with portable EU stations-- 4 pts. Score: QSO points \diamond DXCC and WAE entities counted once/band. See IARU Region 1 society Web sites for more information. Send logs to the appropriate national societies (NA hams to RAC or ARRL).

3. All-Asian DX Contest--CW--sponsored by the Japan Amateur Radio League from 0000Z Jun 19 to 2400Z Jun 20. (SSB--Sep 4-5). Frequencies: 160-10 meters (160 is CW only), incl 10-min. band change rule. Categories: SOAB, SOSB, MO, Low Power (Asian stations only), Junior (JA stations <20 years), Senior (JA stations >70 years). Exchange: RS(T) and a two digit number denoting the operator's age. YL stations may send 00. QSO points for non-Asian stations: 40-15 meters--1 pt, 80 and 10 meters--2 pts, 160 meters--3 pts. Score: QSO pts \diamond Asian prefixes (WPX rules). For more information and Asian station QSO points--
http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2004AA_Rule.htm. Logs due Jul 31 (Oct 31 for phone) to aacw@jarl.or.jp (SSB logs to aaph@jarl.or.jp) or JARL, All Asian DX Contest, 170-8073, Japan.

4. Marconi Memorial HF Contest-CW--sponsored by ARI from 1400Z Jun 26-1400Z Jun 27. Frequencies: 160-10 meters, according to IARU band plan. Categories: SO - LP (<100 W) and -QRP (<5 W), and MO. Exchange: RST + serial number. QSO points: 1 pt/QSO. Score: QSO points \diamond DXCC entities counted once per band. For more information: <http://www.qsl.net/ik6ptj/marconi.htm>. Logs due 30 days after the contest to ik6ptj@qsl.net or ARI sez. di Fano, PO Box 35, I-61032 FANO (PS), Italy.

8. UK DX Contest--SSB, sponsored by the Scottish-Russian ARS from 1200Z Jun 26-1200Z Jun 27. Frequencies: 160-10-meters. Categories: SOAB and SOSB (HP, LP <100 W, QRP < 10 W), MS, MM. Exchange: RST and serial number, UK stations send UK region code. QSO points: Own DXCC entity--1 pt, same continent--2 pts, different cont--3 pts, UK stations--5 pts. Score: QSO points \diamond UK regions + DXCC entities on each band. For more information: <http://www.srars.org/ukdxcruleseng.pdf>. Logs due 30 days after the contest to ukdxssb@srars.org or Scottish-Russian ARS, PO Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, UK.

Best regards,

Nishantha 4S7NI

The RSSL wishes to thank Nishantha for coming forward to undertake to be in charge of contest information, which was a long felt need. Tnx Nishantha ur efforts are appreciated very much. Ed.

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