



RSSL NEWS

November 2007

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The General Meeting for the Month of November 2007 will be held at the Sudharsi Hall Sinhalese Cultural Centre Colombo 7 opposite BMICH on Bullers Road Bbaudhaloka Mawatha), on the 27th TUESDAY at 5.30 PM. Please note the TUESDAY for this months meeting.

Please note change of DAY to TUESDAY for the NOVEMBER monthly meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the Sudharsi Hall 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT MONTHLY MEETING

Tony Canning of FSDXA D68C 3B9C fame and who recently undertook the 3B7C Dxspedition will be in Sri Lanka and make a presentation and speak about their experiences at the monthly meeting on the 27th of November. We want our members to turn up in large numbers to welcome Tony and listen to his presentation. You can also view interesting background material on <http://www.3b7c.com>. Welcome to Sri Lanka Tony.

57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Was held at the Sea Food Restaurant, Colombo 03. It was attended by 40 members and 22 members stayed on for the fellowship lunch that followed. The Council would like to thank Sena 4S5SS for the excellent arrangements and the members who provided RF. Everyone had a fine time and we hope this will continue into the future and usher in a period of fellowship and enjoyment of the Amateur Service..

This year's AGM saw a great effort being made to come together in the spirit of Ham Radio to pool our strengths to make an effort to get the RSSL on top gear. OM Vasantha takes his final term as President with Dammika throwing in his experience and organizational skills by accepting the Vice Presidency to strengthen the Council. OM Victor takes the position of Secretary and its everyone's relief that Rodney gave his consent to continue in that most needed position of Treasurer. Dimuthu 4S7DZ is a guy who likes the outdoors running amok(hi!) in his Defender Land Rover promising to bring in activity.... If you take a look at the guys in the Council we should have an exciting year.

We have a very good team and with your support we should be able to address all issues at hand. Come for

meetings, give your views and more than anything, give your active support to make a difference. Ham Radio is communications and we need more people to be on their air.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008

Patrons

The Hon. Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
The Director General of the Telecommunications
Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

The following members were elected to the Council of Management of the RSSL::

President	OM Vasanth Guruge	4S7VG
1 st Vice President:	OM Dammika Fernando	4S7DF
2 nd Vice President:	OM J. T. Wijeratne	4S7VJ
Secretary:	OM Victor Goonetilleke	4S7VK
Treasurer:	OM Rodney Martenstyn	4S7RM

5 Corporate Members: to the Council

1. OM Nishantha Perera 4S7NI
2. OM Dimuthu Wickremasinghe 4S7DZ
3. OM Sena Fernando 4S5SS
4. OM Ravi Sumithrararachchi 4S5RV
5. OM Bharath Aponso 4S5BA

Associate Members to the Council:

1. OM Kingsley Wimalawansa
2. 2Nihal Canagasabe

10. Auditors

Ratnayaka T A & Co.

At the first Council meeting the following appointments were made.

Company Secretary: Mr. Dingiribanda

Editor OM Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

QSL Manager: OM Uthpola Withana 4S7UV

Awards Managwer OM Ernest Amarasinghe 4S7EA

Librarian: OM Lesley Wimalawanse

Web Master: OM Nishantha Perera 4S7NI

Manager RSSL Shack OM Bharath Aponso 4S5BA

Manager RSSL Station OM J. T. Wijeratne

IARU Representative: OM Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

Custodian Beacon OM Asantha Illesinghe 4S7AK

Custodian Yatiyanbtota Rrepeater OM Wijay 4S7VJ

Custodian Nuwara Eliya Repeater OM Vasanth 4S7VG
Custodian Coliombo Repeater OM Bharath 4S5BA
Coordinators Training OMs K. K. G. Kulasekara 4S7KG and J.
T. Wijeratne 4S7VJ.

Coordinators Special events Oms Dammika 4S7DF Dimuthu
4S7DZ

END OF YEAR GET-TO-GETHER BEACH PARTY

On a proposal brought in by OM Dammika 4S7DF the council unanimously embraced the idea of a Beach Party to round off the year to get the members and their families together to encourage fellowship and to promote social activities within the RSSL.

The Venue is HOTEL SEABREEZE Mt Laviniya with the sound of the surf of the Indian Ocean and the beat of a Calypso Band and a sizzling BBQ as well. RF: you bring it in. (Hi! I assure you there wont be a shortage of it as we had to say thank you to more than we could consume at the AGM!) Lets get together and revive old ties, re-live past memories and excitement, enjoy the yarns and old stories of the escapades of the old and not so old timers. This is where the old spirit and history of the RSSL over the years are passed down to the newer generations who will carry into the new millennium the great times of the last where Ham Radio was born.

Tickets: 850/= per head which can be obtained from OM Vasantha, 4S7VG, Dammika 4S7DF, Victor 4S7VK, Rodney 4S7RM. Or through any of the Council Members. They will be available at the General Meeting. Please purchase them early so that we can be sure of a minimum of 40.

CONTEST INFO- TNX TO 4S7NI NISHANTHA

TOPS Activity Contest -- CW, from 1800Z Dec 2-1800Z Dec 3. Frequencies: 80 meters. Exchange: RST, serial number (+ TOPS number, if member). Logs due Jan 31, 2007 to helmut.klein@chello.at.

ARRL 10 Meter Contest -- 0000Z Dec 9-2400Z Dec 10.

28 MHz SWL Contest -- runs at the same time as the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Categories: SO-SSB, SO-CW, SO-Mixed (separate logs). Log stations making contest QSOs. Logs due Jan 31, 2007 to NL290@amsat.org.

OK DX RTTY Contest -- 0000Z-2400Z Dec 16. Frequencies: 80-10 meters according to IARU band plan. Exchange: RST and CQ Zone. Logs due Jan 15, 2007 to okrtty@crk.cz.

Russian 160 Meter Contest -- CW/SSB, from 0000Z-0200Z Dec 16. Exchange: RST, serial number, and square ID (see www.radio.ru/cq/contest/rule/map-2.gif for a map showing the squares). Logs due Jan 16, 2007 to contest@radio.ru.

Croatian CW Contest -- from 1400Z Dec 16-1400Z Dec 17. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Exchange: RST + serial number. Logs due 30 days after the contest to 9acw@hamradio.hr.

DARC Christmas Contest -- CW/SSB, 0830Z-1100Z Dec 26. Frequencies (MHz): CW -- 3.510-3.560, 7.010-7.040; SSB -- 3.610-3.650 and 3.700-3.775, 7.040. Logs due 3 weeks after the contest to xmas@darcd.de.

ARRL Straight Key Night -- from 0000Z-2359Z Jan 1, 2007.

RAC Winter Contest -- CW/Phone, 0000Z-2359Z Dec 30. Frequencies (MHz): CW -- 25 kHz up from the band edge (check on the half hour); Phone -- 1.850, 3.775, 7.075, 7.225, 14.175, 21.250, 28.500, 50 and 144 MHz. Logs due Jan 31, 2007 to ve5sf@rac.ca.

Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge -- CW, 1500Z Dec 30-1500Z Dec 31. Frequencies: 160 meters. Exchange: grid square only. Logs due Jan 31, 2007 (Cabrillo format only) to tbd@contesting.com.

This information has been obtained from the ARRL Web Site at www.arrl.org. Further details are available at the ARRL Web Site and web sites of

REPEATER FOR THE SOUTH The Council discussed with all seriousness the need for a repeater to cover the South. Towards this initial steps will be taken to test the site of the TNL station at Deniyaya. If any of our members has good contacts to secure better placed locations we would welcome your support. We will inform the membership about tests from Deniyaya so that you could get involved with the project. The ideal location would cover the Southern areas which are hard to cover from Nuwaraeliya and Yatiyantota and this location should be accessible from Colombo with even a good beam. The purpose is to link the Southern range with the rest of the country via our repeaters. We also need the help of members to conduct tests. If any one is willing to volunteer services, please contact the Secretary or President of the RSSL.

RSSL VHF NET 9.00PM 1530 UTC 145.625 YATI / Need Net controllers

While we would welcome more people to check in and keep the net going we miss 4S7PK very badly who is away from home we understand and very QRL. Since there are many who have taken the net in the past very effectively we would welcome anyone stepping in at 9PM to take the net. At 9.15 we leave a pause and call in Echo-link check ins and we need to keep that 10 second pause.

REGULAR HF AND VHF ROUND TABLES:

Every morning at 6.30 am 145.500 VHF rag chew.

Every morning at 7.30 am 7060 HF roundtable.

Every morning at 8.00 am Yati Repeater 145.625

Every Afternoon at 4.00 pm Yati repeater 145.625

NEW 80 Metere 3.600 Mhz HF round table at 9.45 pm.

Saturday/Sun/Holidays 1.00pm 7060 kHz.

Please join in and let us increase activity on the bands

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