



RSSL NEWS

November 2008 THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The General Meeting for the Month of November 2008 will be held on Wednesday the 26th of November at 5.30 p.m. at Otters. The venue is the Balcony Hall of the Otter Aquatic Club 380 / 1 Baudhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7. It's not far from the BMICH towards Borella. at the Wijerama Rd / Baudhaloka Mawata junction.

The Meetings for December: As always the last Wednesday of the month if not otherwise notified. We have also made arrangements to provide tea, so come for the meeting and enjoy tea with us.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at Otters Aquatic Club 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 can to contact any Council member if you need to verify the date of the meeting. Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings. Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

YATIYANTOTA REPEATER 145.625 : On the 8th of November a team comprising 4S7DF, DZ, RO, VJ, and SWL Prasad went up to the repeater site at Yatiyantota and did a complete overhauling of the antenna which was found to be having an SWR of anything between 1.9 to 3. It's now down to 1.2 and all reports are that it's much improved. The back up battery was also changed and the team has made a few recommendations to the Council. More action will be taken in the near future to make our main repeater even better. From the team your Ed learns that more visits to our repeaters are under preparation.. On behalf of the RSSL our grateful thanks to these Oms who work hard to keep things going. (I am attaching a few low resolution photographs with the e-mail edition of the Newsletter. Please check our web site for more info.)

HF BEACON-4S7B

The above team made an inspection visit to Galle to check out the beacon and found the TS50 HF rig out of action. The unit has been brought down to Colombo and the NDXC informed. Action is being taken to see that the beacon goes up as soon as spares./new replacement equipment are received..

MEMBERSHIP DUES/RSSL MEMBERSHIP

A look at the membership list shows that the majority of our paid up members are life members who converted to life membership many years ago at Rs.1000 which is a mere fraction of what membership dues of other organisations are and our current life membership fee of Rs. 5000. In addition only a few members have paid up for the current year and there are many who have not renewed for a number of years. Some years ago a decision was made to allow members to pay for two years and update their membership. Associate and Student members need to upgrade to corporate status on gaining their Licenses. The annual membership funds are way below the expenses incurred and slowly we are going in to recession. While urging members to renew and help the RSSL in whatever way they can we also urge non members to join and support the efforts of the RSSL. It seems a bit unfortunate that while some members who go out to repair and maintain, and conduct the daily running of the RSSL spend a couple of thousand rupees every year some others don't even renew the membership. Please understand the situation and help the RSSL.

NEWSLETTERS: The RSSL has been sending out Newsletters via mail and e-mail to members irrespective of their current membership status. This will be the last Newsletter to be sent to those who have not paid for 2007/2008. The current year is 2008/2009. Please contact the treasurer Rodney 4S7RM and update your membership. The RSSL is sending out a note indicating your position in the next couple of weeks and an invitation to non-member Licensed Radio Hams a join the RSSL.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY/CALL BOOK

The latest Sri Lankan Amateur Radio Call book is under preparation and we hope to get it printed in the near future. The Call book will be made available to all members.

BACK IN SRI LANKA : Welcome back to 4S7NB Ananda who has been away in Australia with his family for a number of years. It was great to see Ananda at the last General meeting. Ananda is someone who has helped the RSSL from

the time he got his license in the 50s and we never fail to remember that it was Ananada who was responsible for the Yatiyantota Repeater location. Welcome back OM and may the airwaves of 4S7 reverberate with your base voice.

4S7DB Daya: is also back in Sri Lanka from the USA and says he will be here for some time before going back. Again a person who looked after the Yati repeater for a number of years while with ITN transmitter locations has even started with a bang helping to take the RSSL Net. Incidentally Daya was the first net controller of this net which was started as the Gunasuwa, an idea of the late Dr. S.A.W Goonawardene. 4S5SA We all miss Dr. Susantha deeply and remember him even today.

RSSL NET YATI 145.625 -600 shift: Daily 9.00 pm 1530Z

This is one of the ways that members keep in touch by checking in. For those who are new; the net controller calls in for check ins. You should then give your call sign and wait for the net controller to call you. You can then give your name and location if you are new or the controller is new and gives some information you think is of interest to others. It could be a short weather report, DX band conditions or any useful info. Try to be brief. Usually the Echo Link is connected to the repeater during the net. At 1545 or 9.15 there is a call for Echo Link contacts at which time we request members to allow the DX stations to come in.. Recent new check ins have been Edmond 4S7PM and Prathana 4S7PL, The RSSL thanks Haren 4S7RD our 1st Vice President for taking on as net controller. Thanks again Haren.

JOTA 2008: 51st Annual Jota was held on the 18th and 19th of October. It was a great success with nearly a thousand scouts and guides getting the opportunity to see amateur radio in action and also to enjoy themselves talking to other scouts and guides locally and internationally via the Echolink VHF and HF radio.. The RSSL Council of Management wishes to thank the many members who assisted in various ways to make the JOTA a possibility and a success. We are happy that there are members who go to the trouble of taking equipment and going away from the comfort of their homes to operate JOTA stations to give the youth of this country that opportunity of enjoying radio communications while learning about it. .

DXpedition to the Laccadive Islands VU7

Please find VU7SJ, Agatti Island, Lakshadweep 2008

Dxpedition photoes taken mostly by me in:

<<http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/vu7sj/>><http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/vu7sj/> (Jose Jacob VU2JOS one of the NIAR oprs)

REMINDER RRSL AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

Every Sunday classes are held in the club radio room/Shack at Haig Road, Bambalapitya between 8.30 and 1p.m. Only change is that you become a member of the RSSL. Please contact 4S7VJ and make arrangements to attend classes. Call him at Mobile: +94(0)777890406 Res: +94(0)11-2578447

CONGRATULATIONS: TO CALVIN AND XYL

Out of 297 teams (297X11) in the All Island school cricket tournament, Ray is the Highest Scorer, with 563 Runs. making St.Peter's win the championship. Fantastic!!

E-Mail Newsletters: If you like to get the newsletter by e-mail please send me your address. If you like to get RSSL announcements only but not the newsletter, inform me as well. Its useful to be able to reach you via e-mail

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Good DX and 73 from 4S7VK on holiday inDubai for this month.
