



# RSSL NEWS!

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**The General Meeting for the Month of October 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 Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2005 at 5.30 pm.**

**RAE 2005:** The closing date of the examination is the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month (October). Application forms can be obtained from the TRC. Please pass the word around to your friends.

Members who need help to prepare for this examination should kindly contact the RSSL management. CW classes are progressing well at the RSSL shack. They are conducted on Sundays 10 A.M.-12 Noon. Please contact OM Kule 4S7KG to obtain information.

## **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 145.650 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.

## **AGM 2005**

The 55<sup>th</sup> AGM of RSSL was held on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the OPA Auditorium, Colombo. Following were appointed as office bearers for the year 2005/2006:

President:	Vasanth Guruge	4S7VG
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Rodney Martenstyn	4S7RM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	J.T. Wijerathne	4S7VJ
Secretary:	Nishantha Perera	4S7NI
Treasurer:	Thusitha Goonetilleke	4S6TP

Council Members:

K.K.G. Kulasekara	4S7KG
Sena Fernando	4S5SS
Bharath Aponso	4S5BA
Ranuka de Silva	4S5RD
Wasantha Piyasiri	4S5WP

Immediate Past President: Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

Immediate Past Secretary Kusal Epa 4S7KE

Immediate Past Treasurer Asantha Illesinghe 4S7AK

Associate Representatives

Ravi Sumithraarachchi  
Priyadarshana

Following appointments were made at the first meeting of new Council on October 7<sup>th</sup>:

Assistant Secretary: Bharath Aponso 4S5BA

Assistant Treasurer: Asantha Illesinghe 4S7AK

Editor: Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

QSL Manager: Uthpala Vithana 4S6UV

IARU Coordinator: Victor Goonathillake 4S7VK

Custodian of Yatiyanthota Repeater: Ernest Amarasinghe 4S7EA

Custodian of Nuwara Eliya Repeater: Edward Wickramasinghe 4S7EW

Beacon Coordinators: Asantha Illesinghe 4S7AK and Siri Abeyasinghe 4S7SA

Awards Manager: Earnest Amarasinghe 4S7EA

Manager of shack: Bharath Aponso 4S5BA

Disaster Operations Manager: Victor Goonathillake 4S7VK

It was decided to appoint an HF Activity Manager and a VHF Activity Manager at the upcoming general meeting.

## **ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH**

### **JOTA 2005**

The annual international event of JOTA took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of this month with active participation and contribution of many members. Victor 4S7VK coordinated the event. Total number of stations in operation was thirteen as listed below.

Scout HQ: 4S5BA

Girl Guides HQ:\* 4S7VK and 4S7AK

Girls High School, Kandy:\* 4S7NI and SWL Ravi

Fergusson's Ladies College, Rathnapura:\* 4S7VJ, 4S7KG, 4S7YL and 4S6UV

Ibbagamuwa Central College\*: 4S7MM, 4S7PK and 4S5AH

Royal College, Colombo: 4S6NM

St. Joseph's College, Colombo: 4S5RD

St. Peter's College, Colombo: 4S7CF

D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo\*: 4S7DZ

Mahanama College, Colombo: 4S6AK

Atampitiya National School\*: 4S7CK

Bandarawela:\* 4S7LFG

Dambadeniya: 4S7PK

\* On hf/vhf

Eleven stations were on VHF and Two on HF while five were on both bands. RSSL thanks all operators who tendered dedicated service to give hands on training on communication to scouts and girl guides. Special thanks go to 4S7KE, 4S7VG and Chief Engineer, ITN whose prompt action averted a major breakdown of the Yati Repeater, which was vital for JOTA. The contribution given by 4S5WP by producing antennas for JOTA is appreciated. (4S7NI Secretary)

### **HONARARY MEMBERSHIP FOR 4S7VK**

OM Victor 4S7VK has always been identified as Asia's foremost BC DXer and an International broadcaster. He obtained his license in 1983 and has since not only used his CW/SSB operating skills to put Sri Lanka on the Amateur Radio map but has contributed towards the development and propagation of the hobby. In recognition of his leadership qualities, services to the RSSL, Amateur Radio and the community, especially following the Tsunami, the RSSL Council has decided to make him an honorary member of the Society. This matter will be taken up in the upcoming general meeting. (Secretary RSSL)

### **OPENING OF THE RSSL RADIO SHACK**

Opening ceremony of the RSSL shack at Haig Road, Colombo 4 is scheduled for Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. The shack is ready for operation with an HF rotatable tri-band, HF and VHF rigs and a computer with an ADSL connection. The RSSL invites all of its members to participate in this important event.

The shack is ideal for members to take an active part on the bands. Members both young and old who have no equipment of their own or have restricted antenna space will find the shack not only very conveniently located but also a delight to work from. The HF beam covering 20/15/10 is at a height of over 25 metres in the clear and has a beautiful take off being just 100 metres from the Indian Ocean. All you need to be eligible to use the shack is to be a paid up member of the RSSL.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

OM Earnest 4S7EA is in the US. The RSSL wishes this most active Dxr in the island a safe journey back and many more years of Dx activity in many years to come.

OM Kamal 4S7AB is in Dallas, Tx. He operates under his US call sign, KA5MAL. He is available through EchoLink also. Kamal had to evacuate during hurricane Rita, but we understand he is in fine shape.

**ACTIVITY OF MEMBERS:** 4S7 is listed under the most wanted islands on the air and the RSSL wishes for improved HF activity of its members. The General body is the governing body of the RSSL and the contribution of members is essential for the meaningful functioning of the Society. Members can submit proposals at general meetings. The Council is willing to implement and activate fruitful proposals. Technical and other relevant articles for the amateur community are always welcome for the newsletter. Please send them to the editor with a verification of authenticity. (4S7NI)

### **PRINTED MATTER**

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### **NOVEMBER 2005 CONTESTS:**

High Speed Club CW Contest from 0900Z-1100Z and 1500Z-1700Z Nov 6.

IPA Contest CW from 0600Z-1000Z and 1400Z-1800Z Nov 5, Phone from 0600Z-1000Z and 1400Z-1800Z Nov 6.

Ukrainian DX Contest--CW/SSB/RTTY from 1200Z Nov 5-1200Z Nov 6.

Japan International DX Contest--Phone, from 0700Z Nov 12-1300Z Nov 13.

OK/OM DX Contest--CW from 1200Z Nov 12-1200Z Nov 13.

LZ DX Contest--CW/SSB from 1200Z Nov 19-1200Z Nov 20.

RSGB 1.8MHz Contest--CW, from 2100 Nov 19-0100Z Nov 20.

CQ World Wide DX Contest--CW, from 0000Z Nov 26 to 2400Z Nov 27.

### **FOR SALE**

(1) Yaesu FT101 HF Transceiver 100W, with speech processor and built in power supply. Spare set of final tubes, external VFO and Service Manual also included.

(2) Icom IC 718 HF Transceiver 100W and 25A switching mode power supply.

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