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RSSL NEWS!

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WILL NOT BE HELD DUE TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON 2nd OCTOBER 2005

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the SLAAS at 0530 PM 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

The 55th Annual General Meeting of The Radio Society of Sri Lanka will be held on Sunday the 2nd October 2005 at 10.30 AM at the Auditorium of The OPA – The Organisation of Professional Associations, 275/75, Stanley Wijesundera Mawatha, Off Baudhdhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.

AGM Notice has already been sent to members.

AGM will be followed by a Buffet Lunch at the OPA Restaurant. Tickets for the lunch are priced at Rs.500.

Drinks are available at the cash bar (unfortunately liquor cannot be brought in from outside).

We urge all members to attend the AGM , If you are unable to stay on for lunch you can take part in the AGM proceedings only. Please note that the Rs.500 charge is for Lunch and not for AGM participation!!!.

Advance confirmation of your participation at lunch is essential to get the numbers right. Please contact Victor or Kusal and confirm your reservation before 30th Sept. by email or phone (contact nos given at end of newsletter).

Subscription Payments for 2005/2006

Please note that only members who have paid for the current year 2005/06 will be eligible to vote and also to seek any office bearer position at the AGM. Members who intend to pay their subscriptions are requested to come early and pay before the commencement of the AGM.

Associate Members who have obtained amateur radio licenses should submit a copy of their license and upgrade their class of membership to Corporate Membership.

BRIEF LOOK BACK: As I relinquish my position as President of the RSSL after 3 consecutive years I wish to thank everyone in the RSSL for the support extended to me and my Council over the last 3 years. The striking feature of these years have been the collective nature in which the Council worked. Every member helped with various projects and never was it implied that a certain task was the obligation of a particular Council position, be it President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. Every month, as far as I remember Newsletters were sent on time and received in time other than at Vesak time this year.

The establishment of the Shack is a significant development and I urge members to visit and use it as often as you like. It has been a delight to see a group of members getting together to despatch Newsletters, and also work contests, a feature rarely seen in nearly 30 years of my association with the RSSL and its management. Special thanks are due to 4S5BA Barath for giving the RSSL the use of the premises in a prime location completely free of any charge.

During the great Tsunami tragedy members gave their support, and undertook difficult and hazardous tasks in the cause of ham radio and a genuine desire to help our people. Our efforts won recognition and respect all over the world and invitations to India, Finland, Japan and Germany to receive awards and share our experiences. The goodwill earned and relations built with the international community of Amateur Radio are unprecedented. The help extended to the RSSL in the form of funds, equipment and genuine pledges has built a foundation for the next administration to build on and work to achieve greater heights.

The Treasurer has worked hard to clear the backlog and presents the incoming administration, a clear, clean and up to date set of books and an inventory from which to move forward. This needed great effort, cooperation and help from members to resolve issues with great diplomacy. My sincere thanks to Asantha

The Secretary worked with great skill and dedication and above all on time which made the administration work efficiently without getting into arrears. I owe much to Kusal for all the assistance in running the RSSL in the past 3 years.

The advice and support of the senior members of the council were invaluable when decisions had to be taken and after deliberations when I took a decisions they stood by it.

There is still much to do, probably more than what has been done and that is not just a patronising cliché. The whole Amateur Service in Sri Lanka needs to be looked at afresh and changes made. The Council needs mature sincere support, advice and also critical analysis of issues. Instead of a confrontational approach old timers and newcomers must get together to effect change. There have been explosive hard fought issues and many arguments. All that is part and parcel of a process towards development. Criticise decisions and fight for issues but not people. Judge people by their abilities and not by personal prejudice. Question decisions and actions but never personal integrity. All above is easier said but sometimes harder to keep to. Sadly that more than anything is the biggest stumbling block towards moving forward. My sincere thanks to everyone for a term that was full of great moments, sad and depressing moments too, but good friends and the love for a great hobby leaves me and my team smiling and appreciative of a membership that by and large has been very supportive. 73 and 88 4S7VK

48th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

This year JOTA will be held on the weekend of 15 & 16 October 2005. Sri Lanka Scout Association has sought the assistance of RSSL to make this event a success. Members who are willing to operate stations and/or to participate in the event, please contact the Secretary. Non licensed members also can make use of this opportunity to operate under the supervision of licensed amateurs as this will be a special event. Station will operate from Scout Headquarters, Girl Guide Headquarters and various schools in Colombo and outstations.

Information sheet on Amateur Radio in Sinhala

An information sheet on Amateur Radio in Sinhala has been prepared. Members who want copies can obtain them by sending a stamped self addressed envelope to Secretary Kusal.

Morse classes

Morse classes will be held for beginners conducted by Kule - 4S7KG at the RSSL shack premises on Sundays from 10-12 AM starting from 9th October. Please contact Kule for more information.

Visit to Japan by RSSL Delegation

On Invitation initiated by Mr. Hasegawa, Director Kansai Region JARL and JARL, President Victor, Vice President Ernest and Secretary Kusal visited Japan and participated in amateur radio related functions. President

Victor 4S7VK was invited to declare open the ham fair along with the Presidents of JARL, IARU and KARL and make two presentations at the Ham Radio fair in Tokyo and at Osaka. At the Tokyo Ham fair after the lecture by Victor The JARL presented RSSL a cheque for US\$2447.

A visit was made to the Expo 2005 exhibition in Nagoya and 4S7EA, 4S7VK and 4S7KE operated from the JARL exhibition booth special event station 8J2AI. The great honour and friendship extended to the group by Mr. Hasegawa and friends who have visited Sri Lanka many times in the past 4 years were exceptional and will go even further to strengthen the bonds of friendship between Japanese and Sri Lankan radio Amateurs in the future.

For Sale

10m 5 element yagi for sale. Very good condition and uses gamma matching. Gain about 8dBi. 20ft boom. All non corrosive material. Be ready for the coming winter opening on 10m. Rs 5000/=

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