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# RSSL NEWS

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**The General Meeting for the Month of March 2012 will be held on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. The venue is the Balcony Hall of the Otter Aquatic Club 380 / 1 Baudhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7. at 6.00 p.m. All meetings will be held at this venue. Its not far from the BMICH towards Borella. Continue towards the rear of the BMICH at the Wijerama Rd / Baudhaloka Mawatha junction.**

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS .**

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at Otters Aquatic Club at 6.00 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 meeting dates. Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings. Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ISSUE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS NOW DUE TO THE PROHIBITIVE COST OF POSTAGE AND ALSO THE LIMITS ON WHAT ONE CAN PUT ON PAPER IN THIS AGE OF THE INTERNET. Therefore, without increasing the membership fee which has stayed static, unchanged, for almost 20 years we decided at the last AGM to post all notices on our Web Site: [www.rssl.lk](http://www.rssl.lk) which was re-launched late last year. It is in a constant state of updating and adding new information. Please check it as often as you have the time. If you have information please send it on. This could be links to sites or your own contributions. ANYONE WISHING TO GET E-MAIL ALERTS PLEASE SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO THE EDITOR [victorg@slt.lk](mailto:victorg@slt.lk). Your e-mail will not be made public so your privacy will be safe guarded.

RESULTS OF THE LAST RAE EXAMINATION: The results of the last Radio Amateur examination has been released. We congratulate Aravinda from Mathugama who became interested last year due to the seminars conducted by the RSSL in association with the Scouts Association. Three others have also indicated that they have passed. Our special congratulations to Senarath 4S6WAS for coaching his XYL and Son who have also got through the examination. Those who have received their results need to go over to the TRCSL and collect a set of forms and hand over, duly filled to get Ministry of Defence clearance before TRCSL will issue a licence to operate. Be ready with the call sign you want.

FOX HUNT ORGANIZED BY 4S7JL /JALIYA AS AN RSSL EVENT ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup>(SATURDAY) APRIL 2012.

For those who are not familiar, a Fox hunt is in very simple terms, hunting a hidden transmitter by direction finding. Jaliya will have a beacon giving out an identification as 4S7JL and participants will have to locate the transmitter. This is great experience in direction finding. Unlike in the past, with the internet there are lots of articles about Fox hunting and Direction finding. So prepare yourself and try to win the contest. There will be 3 good prizes for the winners and also food and drink. Some come along to the starting point on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. You can work individually or as a group. Just have great fun .

The RSSL is happy to announce a long awaited radio sport of locating a hidden transmitter. Jaliya 4S7JL has gone to great lengths to get things going and let's all chip in and extend our support. An HF direction finding competition will also follow very soon. Since we have more VHF band amateurs and also it is a little less complicated than HF, we are starting on this.

It should be great fun, so get your maps, and antennas ready to take bearings and hit the trail on the 7th of April, that's just one month from now. Unlike in the olden days when maps were not easy to come by and information sketchy, the internet will give you a lot of info about direction finding. It is also good to test your skills as we hear intruders on our VHF band from time to time who appear to be unauthorized people.

### Rules for the hunt

The hunt will begin at 7th April 9:00 AM and will stop at 12.30 PM unless the hider and at least one of the remaining hunters agree to continue.

The hunt will start at the close to CInec College Malabe. PSN 6° 54' 55.95"N 79° 57' 33.29"E. The hidden transmitter will be within a 6km radius from the starting point. The hidden transmitter will operate on 144.220 MHz using FM modulation.

It will be detectable at the starting point with standard T-Hunting equipment.

The carrier may be continuously on for at least 45 seconds each minute.

The backup voice frequency will be 145.625 MHz (repeater or simplex)

Foxhunt will be free including food(lunch) and foxhunt cap.

We will give u a map.

Care will be taken in locating the transmitter and antenna so that hunters on foot, or otherwise, can safely reach the ending location. The transmitter and antenna will be located so that no property or landscaping damage will be caused by wandering hunters.

The winner is normally the first person to locate the antenna of the hidden transmitter. The hider may specify different criteria, such as mileage or mileage and time, prior to the beginning of the hunt. The Hunters, in separate vehicles, may not work in teams nor use the assistance of any other station, or person, who is not located within their vehicle.

All traffic laws shall be obeyed. A hunter receiving a traffic citation shall be disqualified.

Upon locating the hidden antenna, the hunter shall attempt to report the discovery to the hider and shall vacate the immediate area. Successful hunters should avoid disclosing the location to other hunters who are still hunting.

Conditions of the hunt may change with advance notice from the hider.

**Participation free of charge. Please confirm your participation on or before 30th march 2012 to 4s7jl@rssl.lk or 0772378108 Check [www.rssl.lk](http://www.rssl.lk) for a Google map and more instructions.**

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