



RSSL NEWS

December 2007

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The General Meeting for the Month of December 2007 will not be held since it falls right in the middle of the season but instead we are having a grand get-to-gether! On the 29th of December. The January Monthly meeting will be held on the last Wednesday (30th) of the month as usual.

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.

THE COUNCIL OF THE RSSL IS HAPPY TO
INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS

TO A GET TOGETHER ON THE

29TH OF DECEMBER 2007

FROM 7 PM TO MIDNIGHT AT

**OTTERS AQUATIC CLUB. Baudhaloka
Mawatha Colombo (Buller's Rd).**

ALL ARE WELCOME & MUST COME !!!

A BBQ Dinner will be served and music will be provided by the RSSL singers and musicians. The idea is an informal friendly evening, to gather together in the upper floor hall of the club. So lend your support by coming for the event. Make a special effort to come and bring in an era of socialising in the RSSL again. Dammika and Dimuthu are making every effort to get things organized with Vasantha and Victor lending a hand.. You are free to bring in your friends.

Cost Per Head is: Rs 650.

Please contact Dammika 0777309175, Dimuthu 077721561 Vasantha 2695807 Victor 2614098

We need you to give your names and ID card numbers so that we can make arrangements to receive you. Without this information you will not be allowed in. Go that extra bit to make the gathering a success.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION RESULTS

The RSSL is happy to announce that the results of the recently concluded examination are being released and you should get your letters within a week. The Morse examination will be held somewhere in February, so be prepared for it. The RSSL conducts Morse classes and theory on Sundays at the club shack. Contact 4S7VJ Wijay Tel2578447 or 0777890406 and make arrangements. The RSSL will consider sending CW practice messages in late January via the repeater to get your speed up.

Congratulations to all those who have passed. We should have nearly 30 new hams.

WELCOME BACK: We are encouraged with the return of 4S7AVR to the bands after many months abroad. We are also happy to have 4S7TP on 40 M Pel from Kandy is back from Canada for his regular wintering in the tropics.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT MONTHLY MEETING

Tony Canning of **FSDXA D68C** 3B9C fame and who recently undertook the 3B7C Dxspedition on <http://www.3b7c.com>. was with us at the November .General Meeting making a very interesting Power Point presentation. We relived the whole Dxspedition from the planning stages to the completion of it. The visuals gave a very descriptive impression of the event where for nearly 20 days hams lived on this desolate fishing island community. But the high point of it was more than 200,000 contacts made on all bands, all modes.

Thanks Tony for all the efforts and hope you return to Sri Lanka in the near future. Ed.

INDIAN DX AWARD: Info from VU3ITI

varadarajan G <vu3iti_varadan@yahoo.co.in>
. Information to your club . Please print it in your next news
Srilankan hams may please contact 100 different vu hams (Indian hams) on Hf meter bands during the period 20/10/2007 to 31/12/2008 will get a good certificate from Indian institute of hams from Bangalore.
After contacting 100 vu hams on band , they have to send the log to :- PO BOX 1927. BANGALORE 560019 ALONG WITH THEIR SHACK PHOTO WITH OPERATER. THIS IS

TO PROPOGATE HAM RADIO ON THE BAND . Shortly I may link the repeater in Bangalore VU2IU also to echo link during net timing in the morning.
Thanks @ regards to all family members
From VU3ITI

OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2007/2008
(There were a few errors so I am running this again)

At the first Council meeting the following appointments were made.

Editor OM Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK
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Coodinators Training OMs K. K. G. Kulasekara 4S7KG and J. T. Wijeratne 4S7VJ.
Coordinators Special events Oms Dammika 4S7DF Dimuthu 4S7DZ

Please lend your support to these gentlemen

REPE4ATER FOR THE SOUTH *follow up:* We are trying hard to conduct a test before Christmas from the TNL site at Deniyaya so be prepared. I would like anyone who can assist to contact me 4S7VK so that we could inform you on the land line. We need reports from any part of the island not necessarily the South. The frequency used will probably be 145.600. Not decided at the moment.

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

The RSSL is very happy to have **4S5RV Ravi Sumthraarachchi** as our regular net controller on the Yati repeater. Ravi does an excellent job and we need to give him all the support we can. Can we appeal to members to please come in for a few minutes between 9 and 9.20 pm to check in. We have had an average of 8 check ins, but we would like at least 20..more the merrier. We are waiting for 4S7PK

To return to us. If by some chance the net doesn't take the air at 1530 any member is welcome to take the net.

And we remind you of our

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

BAND PROPAGATION: 40m is getting increasingly difficult for local contacts before 7.45. 80m would be the ideal choice for December-February due to the late Sunrise. But lets not abandon 40 and 7060.

DXBANDS: quite a bit of long DX contacts are being observed on 40m. Ron 4S7RO has been working Stateside on CW both West and East Coast around 1130-1300. We have also observed 4S7NE working on 80m and 4S7EA has been doing Sideband on 3790 around 2200.

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