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The General Meeting for the Month of August 2007 will be held at the Sudharsi Hall Sinhalese Cultural Centre Colombo 7 opposite BMICH on Bullers Road (Baudhaloka Mawatha), on the 29th Wednesday at 5.30 PM. We had to change the venue due to severe parking restrictions imposed on that area due to security reasons. We trust this new arrangement will suit members better.

Please note change of venue for monthly meetings

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.

E-MAIL version of the Newsletter. For some time we have been sending the Newsletter via e-mail to those who have requested it as a free and additional service to the hard copy.. Postage has gone up and some members have informed us that there is no need to send the hard copy. Please inform the Secretary via e-mail <jt4s7vj@gmail.com> if you don't need the hard copy and if any new requests come we can easily add them to the e-mail list.

Light House Dxpedition, Dondra – 2007 (18 & 19th Aug)

The RSSL (Radio Society of Sri Lanka) participated in the "Lighthouse Weekend 2007" at the Dondra Lighthouse on the 18th & 19th of Aug. There were 16 participants including 7 Licensed Amateur Radio Operators and 9 SWLs. We left Colombo at about 6am and reached Dondra around 11am.

After lunch we installed two antennas for HF, 40m inverted-V and 20 m Quad-loop, both antennas hanged by nylon ropes fastened over coconut trees. Having obtained power from the Lighthouse the station was setup under coconut trees and operations started around 3PM. Due to rain we had to shift to the boot of 4S7VJ's station wagon from under the coconut palms and continued till 2 am of Saturday.

Saturday morning saw us again on the bands around 5:30am and stopped at about 8am and dismantled the station and cleaned the premises and kept as it was and left around 8:30am. We had about 30 QSOs including three lighthouse stations. HF propagation was very poor.

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Hony Secretary – RSSL.

CONTEST INFO- TNX TO 4S7NI NISHANTHA

All-Asian DX Contest --Phone,0000Z.Sep1-2400Z Sep 2

WAE DX Contest -- SSB, 0000Z Sep 8-2359Z Sep 9.

G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest -- CW, from 2300Z Sep 8- 2300Z Sep 10. Use straight keys to be eligible for awards. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: QRO, QRP, Club. Exchange: RST, S/P/C, name, FISTS number or power. QSO points: FISTS member -- 5 pts, non-member -- 2 pts. Score: QSO points \diamond S/P/C counted once only. For more information: <<http://www.fists.org>>www.fists.org. Logs indicating type of key due 30 days after the contest to <<mailto:HALLINL@lanecc.edu>>HALLINL@lanecc.edu (ADIF, Excel or ASCII format) or Lee Hallin N7NU, 3413 Walton Ln, Eugene, OR 97408.

Scandinavian Activity Contest -- CW from 1200Z Sep 15-1200Z Sep 16 (Phone, 1200Z Sep 22-1200Z Sep 23). Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: SOAB (QRP <5 W, LP <100 W, HP), MS, SWL. Exchange: RS(T) + serial number. QSO points: EU stations -- 1 pt, Non-EU -- 1 pt on 20-10, 3 pts on 80-40. Score: QSO points \diamond Scandinavian call areas counted once per band. For more information: <<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacnsc.htm>>www.sk3bg.se /contest/sacnsc.htm. Logs due Oct 31 to <<mailto:saccw2007@sral.fi>>saccw2007@sral.fi (SSB to <<mailto:sacssb2007@sral.fi>>sacssb2007@sral.fi) or to SACCW (SSB to SACSSB), Jussi-Pekka Sampola, OH6RX, Tölbyn niittytie 238, FIN-65460 Tölby, Finland.

QRP Afield -- CW/Phone/Digital 1500Z-2100Z Sep 15. Frequencies: 160-10 meters, QRP calling frequencies. Categories: SOAB, MS. Exchange: RS(T), S/P/C, and NE-QRP number or power. QSO points: HP (>5 W) fixed station -- 1 pt, HP mobile or portable -- 2 pts, QRP fixed - - 5 pts, QRP mobile or portable -- 10 pts. Score: QSO points \diamond S/P/C (counted once only). For more information: <<http://www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm>>www.qsl.net/wq1rp/main.htm. Logs due Oct 14 to <<mailto:k1cl@arrl.net>>k1cl@arrl.net or Chuck Ludinsky, K1CL, 6 Prancing Rd, Chelmsford, MA 01824-1922.

Scandinavian Activity Contest -- SSB, 1200Z Sep 22-1200Z Sep 23.

CQ Worldwide RTTY DX Contest -- sponsored by CQ Magazine from 0000Z Sep 29-2400Z Sep 30. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: SOAB (LP,

HP>150 W), SOSB, Assisted (AB only), MS (LP, HP), M2, MM. Exchange: RST + CQ Zone (W/VE stations also send state/province). QSO points: own country -- 1 pt, different country, same continent -- 2 pts, diff cont -- 3 pts. Score: QSO points \diamond S/P/C (incl WAE countries) + CQ Zones counted once per band. For more information: <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>>www.cq-amateur-radio.com. Logs due Oct 26 in Cabrillo format to <<mailto:rtty@cqww.com>>rtty@cqww.com.

CQIR Ireland Calling -- CW/SSB from 1200Z Sep 29-1200Z Sep 30. Frequencies: 80-10 meters, work stations once per band and mode, 10 minute band change rule. Categories: Irish and World SOAB (CW, SSB, Mixed). "Irish" includes anyone, anywhere with a direct ancestral link to the island of Ireland and its offshore islands, or whose partner/spouse qualifies. Exchange: serial number or year (see Web site) and county code (Irish only). QSO points: CW -- 3 pts, SSB -- 2 pts. Total score: QSO points \diamond county codes counted on each band and mode. For more information and special prize announcements: <<http://www.irts.ie>>www.irts.ie. Logs due Oct 31 to <<mailto:cq-ir-logs@irts.ie>>cq-ir-logs@irts.ie.

FISTS Coast to Coast Contest -- CW K7FFF, from 1700Z Sep 29-1700Z Sep 30. Frequencies: 80-10 m. Categories: SOAB, MS, (QRP/QRO). Exchange: RST, name, state or DX prefix and FISTS number or power. For more information on QSO points and scoring: <<http://www.tomochka.com/k7fff>>www.tomochka.com/k7fff. Send logs to <<mailto:FistsC2C@yahoo.com>>FistsC2C@yahoo.com within 30 days of the contest.

RSSL JOURNAL: Correction: I wish to thank Kamal for an excellent article for the Journal and also Ravi 4S5RV for his article as well. Its heartening also to have an article from 4S7DJ Dr Jayantha who has every intention of coming back on the airwaves. Once a good ham always one for ever!! Thanks guys.

ECHOLINK & YATI REPEATER

The problem experienced with the Yati repeater of open carrier and often times not going off has corrected itself without any intervention by any technician. This was caused by a trigger happy individual who has probably nothing better to do than stand and wait and who keeps pressing the PTT. This problem, including the constant pips and whistles that keep popping up from time to time are best ignored since the offender has been identified as a mentally unstable person who needs to do so as mental therapy. QRM, unidentified break ins should not be acknowledged and if not taken notice of, will go off after a time. We would have ignored touching on this topic if not for the complains by members.

If proper procedure is not adopted it is best that the breaker is ignored. Never say "Break" without giving your call sign.

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However, it does cause problems when the Echo-link is not permitted to come in. After all it takes all kinds of people to make this world. There are many people out there who like to communicate with us via the Echo Link. It is necessary to give about an 8 second silence to allow the Echo Link to come in.

RSSL VHF NET 9.00PM 1530 UTC 145.625 YATI

We would welcome more people to check in and keep the net going. We miss 4S7PK very badly but he is away from home we understand. Since there are many who have taken the net in the past very effectively we would welcome anyone stepping in at 9PM to take the net. At 9.15 we leave a pause and call in Echo-link check ins and we need to keep that 10 second pause.

When you want to check in just give your call sign and wait for the net controller to respond. Giving your call and saying no traffic 73 etc is incorrect because you will be knocking out another station who calls a split second later. If everyone were to adopt wrong procedure it wouldn't be possible for more than a few people to come in.

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