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The General Meeting for the Month of January will be held at the Tourist Board Committee Room on Wednesday the 28th of January 2004 at 5.30 pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at The Ceylon Tourist Board Committee Room (1st Floor), 80, Galle Road, Colpetty at 0530 PM 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. (Hony. Secretary – Kusal Epa 4S7KE Phone:011-2853982). Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

HF Beacon Back on the air

Victor, Kusal and Asantha went to Galle and was joined by Siri for beacon maintenance work. Beacon antenna was brought down, dismantled and cleaned and was erected again and now a better signal is being transmitted.

Siri – 4S7SA has been appointed by the council as HF Beacon Co-ordinator in addition to Asantha 4S7AK.

5 year ID cards for Life Members

The Council took a decision to extend the validity period of membership cards from 3 years to 5 years for all life members, with effect from January 2004.

Important notice – Callbook data

A call book of all RSSL members will be printed shortly. Members' data already in the RSSL Membership database will be used for this.

This months newsletter address label which is computer generated contains your information as available in the database.

After your name and callsign within brackets your phone no and email is indicated as it contains in our database. If either or both are not there that means your phone no and/or email are not available in our database, please contact the secretary and inform these details.

Check your name, callsign email, phone no, and address, if there are any corrections to be made, contact the Secretary before end of January and indicate the changes needed. **If you do not wish your email address to be published please indicate so.**

All corrections and additions should be informed to the Secretary by post, email or phone (contact details of secretary given at the end of newsletter) before end of January. **If there is no response from you, the currently available information as given in your address label will be printed in the callbook.**

New repeater tested from HNB towers

The new VHF repeater donated by Denmark was tested from 10th floor of HNB towers at Darley Road. The location for the repeater has not yet been finalised.

DUPLEXER NEEDED FOR THE NEW REPEATER

As most of you active VHF users are aware, the new repeater is functioning very well. Try 145.600 with – 600 shift. Since the Nuwara Eliya repeater is under repair, we are using the NY duplexer from Asantha's QTH during this test period. However. To be fully operational a duplexer is a must. The use of two antennas without a duplexer is not practicable. Kusal our Secretary has been browsing the WWW quote "I browsed the Internet looking for duplexers and there are small duplexers, weighing about 200g that can handle about 100W for about SL Rs. 4000.(US\$50) I am not quite sure whether these can be used with our new repeater. If you could send a request to RSSL members asking if anybody abroad could help by sending us a suitable duplexer on an urgent basis, we could solve this problem.

Duplexer should be able to handle 50W, and exact freq. are Tx. 145.650, and Rx. 145.050 MHz."

If any member can advise us on the above or can help locate a duplexer we would be most grateful. You could communicate with Kusal or the President or any Council member which will be highly appreciated. What we need to know is 1. Locating a suitable Duplexer(details above) 2. Cost 3. Mode of transport required. It could be even a used duplexer but not one which needs repairing. Ed.

Test conducted from Kikiliyamana site (6000ft ASL)

Dimuthu 4S7DZ conducted a test transmission from Kikiliyamana and the results were quite encouraging with direct contact made to Colombo. Victor, Kusal, Wijie and Padme were involved in the testing from the other side. The test confirmed that Kikiliyamana is a good prospective site for another VHF repeater.

Morse Code examination results

The Morse code examination was conducted at theTRC with the help of RSSL on the 20th of Sept. 2003. 5 took the novice class 5wpm Morse test and D.R.S. Bandara, R.C Fernando and S. Sridharan passed the test.9 took the General class 12wpm test and Sandeepani Kulasekara and Wimal Manage got through. Our Congrats to them all. Well done Oms and YL!

Welcome to the Band New hams 4S5RD Ranuka, 4S5AS Ashane and 4S5BD Bandara. May you enjoy Amateur Radio and also get your General and Adv. Class licences too.

Yati Repeater Accessible from Anuradhapura, Wilpattu National Park

Kusal, Dimuthu and Asantha who were on a tour to the Wilpattu National Park on New Year's eve, reported good

accessibility to the Yati repeater from most places in the Anuradhapura and Kalawewa area and also from inside Wilpattu National park. Many contacts were made using a half wave mobile antenna.

CONTEST SOFTWARE

(Freeware version of Super Duper Contest Software.) It will be very useful for all who participate in Dx contests. Nishantha 4S7NI has sent a zipped file of the above and is available on request from the editor. You can also contact Nishantha directly at "Nishantha Perera" 4s7ni@qsl.net who has a database of very useful info.

QST Magazines for sale – A lot of QST magazines which were received by the RSSL during the past few years will be sold at the General Meeting at Rs.20 per magazine.

Amateur Radio exam – Any member who needs help for the forthcoming Amateur radio exam (Feb.2004) in the theory part or Morse code practice, please get in touch with Kule – 4S7KG. Phone – 011-2878170 or email - kule4s7kg@hotmail.com (Tnx Kule for all your efforts over many years. Ed)

ELECTRONIC QST CARDS

"I thought this might be of some interest to our readers of the RSSL Newsletter.

A New web-site has come up on the Internet....its at <http://www.eQSL.cc>

To quote from the info from the home page.

"The purpose of E-QSL .cc is to provide an electronic QSL Card exchange for Amateur Radio Operators And SWLS around the world. The Company is Registered in the State of Texas and owned by DAVID L MORRIS N5UP.

The Companys mission is to provide basic electronic QSL CARD exchange services to all Amateurs and SWLS around the world FREE OF CHARGE. eQSL.cc is making arrangements with 10-10,ARRL,DARC,JARL and CQ and other Amateur organizations to ensure that they will except eQSL Cards for awards and contests.

All eQSL cards will be authenticated and confirmed after any amateur Radio Operator becomes a member.

Membership is Free.For confirmation a copy of his licence must be uploaded for confirmation. For further details visit the home page at <http://www.eQSL.cc> "

A great opportunity for Hams who have access to the Internet.

73,s

de 4S7AVR NOEL LOKUGE

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

"Kindly please include in your next newsletter, if anybody has a spare unit for sale of 2 Meter Transceiver (Portable or Desk Type) I am willing to purchase at a reasonable price."

Thank you. Shabbir Dawoodbhoy.

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4S7GV in New Zealand OM Glen and XYL Mallika are on holiday in New Zealand. We really miss GV on the bands because he kept the group on their toes with his wake up calls on 145.550 every morning at 6 and again for the sleepy old net at 4 PM on the Yati Repeater. We wish you a great time down under and a safe return as well Glen.

Ed.

Editor's Note This month most of the material in the Newsletter was compiled by 4S7KE. A special supplement is under preparation which will be included in the next Newsletter

Members articles are always welcome. If we have sufficient material we will not hesitate to increase the number of pages.

Membership Dues: We remind members to send in their membership fees because in the last couple of years expenses have been very heavy. We have paid nearly Rs 25,000 in the last 2 months for freight & customs duty on the new repeater alone Your dues will help the RSSL to keep activities going and give you required services. Ed..

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