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MONTHLY MEETING FOR NOVEMBER IS ON THURSDAY THE 27th NOVEMBER 2003

The General Meeting for the Month of November will be held at 5.30 PM at the Tourist Board Committee Room on Thursday the 27th of October 2003.

Note change of date of meeting to Thursday as the last Wednesday of November is a public Holiday and the Tourist Board Committee Room is not available on that day.

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 :2853982). Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

No General Meeting in December

Note that there will not be a General Meeting in December as the last Wednesday falls on Christmas eve.

Morse Code testing

There has been quite a few queries on RSSL position regarding the morse code test for the amateur radio exam.

This matter was extensively discussed in a General Meeting nearly two years ago, and the decision to stick to the current format of morse code testing until further developments in International scene was arrived at that meeting. This was conveyed to the TRC.

Subsequent to that, the IARU recently recommended that morse code testing be eliminated for HF

operating licenses, but the final decision to be taken by individual countries' regulatory authority.

The matter was again discussed at the November Council meeting, and it was decided that RSSL's position is that we stick to the current format, until majority of countries in the world, specially the Region 3/Asian/SAARC/3rd World/ countries also take steps to eliminate or reduce speed of morse testing. The RSSL is closely watching the international situation and up to November 2003, only 9 out of over 200 IARU member countries have totally dropped testing morse for amateur radio examination. 8 out of those 9 are European countries, 9th being Singapore. (Info Source – RadCom Nov.2003 issue). In the event of relaxing the morse code testing requirement, initially it would most probably be reducing the testing of morse code speed to 5wpm rather than total elimination of morse code testing. What ever changes in testing can be implemented only after being Gazetted by TRC.

Meanwhile the RSSL is willing to help any of it's members to learn morse code, from beginners level to increasing speed. Those who need help can contact Kule 4S7KG (Phone 011-2878170) or Secretary Kusal.

Help needed

Circuit diagram & component details of a vintage valve Communication Receiver needed:

Make : " MARCONI"

Model : CR 100 or 100/2

Contact R. C. Fernando, Phone No: 2770445

For Sale

(1) Trio Rx JR310

(2) Trio Tx Tx-310

Contact : KTP de Silva on 034-2235281

Magazines for Sale

A lot of World Radio Magazines will be sold at the Nov. General Meeting at Rs. 5 a copy.

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

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