



# RSSL NEWS!

NOVEMBER 2005

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

*The General Meeting for the Month of November will be held at the Seminar Room (Ground Floor) of Vidya Mandiraya, SLAAS – Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, 120/10, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7 on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2005 at 5.30 pm.*

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the SLAAS at 0530 P.M. on the **last Wednesday of the month**. Please also monitor the RSSL net regularly on 145.650 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.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Following appointments were made by the council:

Asst. Treasurer: Ranuka 4S5BA  
Coordinator of Yatiyantota Repeater: Vasanth 4S7VG  
Coordinator of Nuwaraeliya Repeater: Vasanth 4S7VG

## **HF & VHF ACTIVITY MANAGERS**

The council has decided to appoint an HF Activity Manager to organize events such as contests and expeditions and a VHF Activity Manager to coordinate in conducting nets and to promote digital modes such as PSK. These appointments will be made at the upcoming general meeting.

## **ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH**

RSSL invites its members to participate in the CQWW contest at the RSSL shack on 26<sup>th</sup> this month.

Past president OM **Dammika 4S7DF** operated a special event station at the Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa in his private capacity. Activity was on HF, VHF and PACTO. He also operated an all band HF station in Kataragama this month.

**OBITUARY:** Ranjith Pieris - 4S7KM's mother passed away recently and the funeral took place at Nugegoda on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Many members paid their respects. We extend our deepest sympathies to Ranjit..

**OLDTIMER IAN WOLLEN 4S7IW** WILL BE VISITING Sri Lanka late December. Ian was the producer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sri Lankan Call Book. Ian wishes to meet old timers and anyone who remembers him. His US QSL info is 1063 Bulkhead Road, Green Cove Springs FL 32043

**60<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** OM Ernie 4S7EP and XYL Therese celebrate their anniversary on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nov. What a wonderful blessing Ernie. We wish you both many more years of happiness. 4S7EP is a past President, one of the most active hams in the early days and up until very recently. Its during his term as President that the RSSL was incorporated.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Following persons have been either upgraded or admitted to the categories of membership indicated below:

G.V.A. Goonetillake 4S7VK honorary member

D.R. Samuel 4S5DR corporate  
S.M.W.S. Senanayake 4S5WS corporate  
T.U.K. Senanayake associate  
H.L.T.A. Ranasinghe associate  
W.M.M.B.C. Perera associate

## **MEMBERS CONTACT DETAILS**

Contact details of licensed members in the RSSL webpage has been updated according to the information available in the database. If any member wishes not to display his/her email address in the web site please inform Kusal ( [kusal@ieee.org](mailto:kusal@ieee.org) ). Any corrections/updates also could be sent to Kusal with a copy to Secretary Nishantha

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE IN USING RSSL CLUB STATION**

Opening ceremony of the RSSL shack took place on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> with the attendance of a large gathering. RSSL wishes to see a lot of activity in this club station. Rules and regulations enacted by the council for operating the club station are given here in brief. The full document will be displayed in the shack.

- ✂ Any paid up member or a guest of a paid up member is permitted to operate equipment in the shack on his/her licence eligibility with the presence of a control operator.
- ✂ Key to the shack should be obtained with prior arrangement providing RSSL ID card at the time of visit. The operator must enter name, call sign, time of arrival and time of departure in the register provided for the purpose.
- ✂ Connection of antennas and switching of power supplies must be done with caution. Switch on required equipment only.
- ✂ The Control Operator is responsible for the proper operation of the station in accordance with the TRC rules and regulations.
- ✂ Each and every transmission should be properly logged. The Log Book should be signed by the Control Operator.
- ✂ PC in the shack should be used only for Internet browsing and amateur related purposes. Avoid downloading large files during week days.
- ✂ After the end of the session, all antennas should be disconnected, properly grounded and all equipment should be disconnected from the wall sockets. Before leaving the Station switch off all the lights, fans air conditioner, any electrical appliances etc and make sure all the windows and doors are properly closed. Do not remove any equipment or document from the shack.
- ✂ The Club Manager is fully responsible for the proper operation of the club station and should give an activity report of the Club Station at the monthly Council Meetings.

(Secretary RSSL).

## **DONATION OF CW KEY**

OM Akihiro JA4FM donated a valuable old CW key to RSSL club station. This key will be used to train newcomers. It will be useful for all CW operators of the club station too. RSSL thanks OM Aki for this

great gift and OM Earnest 4S7EA for kindly bringing the key from Japan.

**IEE (Institution of Electrical Engineers - UK) Review Magazine of October 2005 carries an article titled  
The most famous engineer in the UK?**

by Jane Maltby

Which features the life story of Engineer Eugene Sully

Two paragraphs there which quote Eugene Sully are relevant to Amateur Radio. "I'm quite animated, but underneath I'm also a reasonably serious engineer," says Eugene Sully. "Anything to do with communications." To prove it, he managed to communicate through Morse code to a primetime UK television audience. For that reason alone he could have won 'Big Brother' – the reality show where a group of people are locked up in a house for several weeks, surviving weekly tasks and public-voted evictions before an ultimate winner is declared.

"Amateur radio. A lot of people think it quite geekish. In some respects it is. But if it wasn't for amateur radio a lot of people wouldn't have got into engineering. Mobiles, television – they might be a bit behind. A lot of TV development in the early stages was done by hobbyists. It's actually a very sociable hobby. It's about making friends by talking over the radio. There are not many hobbies that are about making friends".

**DONATION OF AMATEUR RADIO BOOKS** 4S7DA Denver has donated a number of very useful ARRL Publications including the ARRL Antenna Handbook. These will be available as Reference books in the club Shack shortly. We thank Denver for his gracious and very useful donation.

**RAE THEORY CLASSES**

OM Wijey 4S7VJ offers his kind assistance in conducting theory classes for those who are preparing for the examination. All those who want a revision class before sitting the examination, please contact him.

**ELECTRONIC WORKSHOPS IN THE RSSL SHACK**

OM Arosha 4S6AK added value to the activity in the newly opened RSSL shack. He has already begun a series of workshops in the shack to give practical hands on training to all those who want it. Lessons begin at 1000 AM every Sunday. RSSL thanks OM Arosha for this productive idea and spending time for the benefit of young members.

**NOVEMBER 2005 CONTESTS:**

1. ARRL 160 Meter Contest--CW, from 2200Z Dec 2-1600Z Dec 4
2. Top Band Sprint--CW/SSB, from 0000Z--0600Z Dec 1. Frequencies: 160-meters only. SO-CW, SO-SSB, SO Mixed-Mode categories. Exchange: RST, S/P/C and power or QRP ARCI number
3. Holiday Spirits Homebrew CW Sprint-- from 2000Z-2400Z Dec 4. Frequencies (MHz)--1.810, 3.560, 7.040, 14.060, 21.060, 28.060 kHz. Categories: SOAB, SOSB, SO20-10, SO160-40, MOAB, DX stations are SOAB only. Exchange: RST, S/P/C, and Power or QRP ARCI number.
4. ARRL 10 Meter Contest--0000Z Dec 10-2400Z Dec 11  
OK DX RTTY Contest-- 0000Z-2400Z Dec 17. Categories: SOAB (LP, HP >100 W), SOSB, MOAB, SWL. Frequencies: 80-10 meters according to IARU band plan. Exchange: RST and CQ Zone.
5. Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge--CW, 1500Z Dec 17-1500Z Dec 18. Categories: SO and MS. Operate 14 hours max. Exchange: grid square only.
6. Russian 160-Meter Contest--CW/SSB. from 2100Z-2300Z Dec 16 in two 1-hour segments. Categories: SO, MO, SO and MO 18 years and younger, Mixed and CW. Exchange: RST, serial number, and square ID
7. Croatian CW Contest-- from 1400Z Dec 17-1400Z Dec 18. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SOAB (HP >100 W, LP, QRP <5 W), SOSB (HP, LP), MO, SWL. Exchange: RST + serial number.

8. RAC Winter Contest--CW/Phone, 0000Z-2359Z Dec 17. band edge (check on the half hour), Phone--1.850, 3.775, 7.075, 7.225, 14.175, 21.250, 28.500, 50 and 144 MHz. Categories: SOAB (QRP, LP, HP), SOSB, MS-LP, MO-HP, and MM. VE stations exchange RST + Province, VE0 and non-VE stations exchange RST + serial number.

9. Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party--all modes, 0001Z Dec 17, 2005-2359Z Jan 1, 2006. Frequencies (MHz): CW--1.830, 3.530, 7.030, 14.030, 21.030, 28.030, SSB--1.970, 3.970, 7.270, 14.270, 21.370, 28.370, plus VHF and repeaters. Exchange: sequential serial number or ARLHS member number or ARLHS Lighthouse number + name + S/P/C.

10. DARC Christmas Contest--CW/SSB, 0830Z--1100Z Dec 25. Frequencies (MHz): CW--3.510-3.560, 7.010-7.040, SSB--3.610-3.650 and 3.700-3.775, 7.040. Categories: SO-Mixed, SO-CW. Exchange: RS(T) + DOK or Special Station code. (4S7NI Nishantha)

**For Sale**

**Pentium III 550 MHz PC.** 15 GB HD, 128 MB RAM. Contact Kusal on 011-2853982

**ALINCO DM 120MVZ DC Power Supply:** Max 16VDC 32 Amp. Mint Condition. Contact Sam 4S7GF 2816271

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**1. Yaesu FT757GXII in perfect working order, with service manual. 2. Four units crystal controlled 70cm transceivers...as is condition..ideal for experimenters. 3. Two 70cm antennas**

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