



# RSSL NEWS

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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 Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), Vidya Mandiraya, 120/10, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7 at 0530 pm.*

**NOVEMBER MEETING: THURSDAY 30TH**

**DECEMBER MEETING : WILL BE HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY AND NOT ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY.**

**OCTOBER General Meeting** was not formally held as the reconvened AGM ran longer than anticipated. Any matters in that agenda will be tabled at the November meeting

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at SLAAS at 0530 PM on the **last Wednesday of the month**. Please also monitor the RSSL net regularly on 145.625 MHz at 0900 PM and 145.650 MHz at 0930 PM for announcements of RSSL. Membership and ID Card Applications can be obtained at the meetings. Membership renewals are accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings. Renewals can also be done by posting a cheque or money order to him.

**AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION 2006- Applications have been called for the next ARE Examination. The details appeared in the Oct 20th gazette - RAE closing date 24th Nov. You could rush in even a few days late and get your application in. We have been announcing it on the RSSL net and also at the last General Meeting. THE details are also available on the TRC website.**

## **AMATEUR RADIO LICENESE RENEWALS: Renewal notices are being sent out by the TRC to all license holders.**

The TRC is again issuing licenses for 5 years and the long awaited book form is being used for all renewals. You are requested to provide 2 (handsome!!) photographs, passport or visa size and pay the license fee and have two people as witnesses to sign your license. You can pay by cheque or cash. Suggest taking some change money along to avoid delays!! It is best to send off the required pictures and the filled up renewal notice and on receipt of the invoice, go across to TRC and get your license done. You could go straight away with the photographs and money, but you might have to stay on awhile until the invoice is prepared. **THERE IS NO NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF PASSING THE EXAM ETC.** as indicated. The same form is used for new licenses. However, the photographs are required even though you have already given them when you first applied, because of the new license which has to have a picture of yourself as well.

The TRC folks are very friendly and helpful, but you need to do your bit or shall we say anticipate what is needed!!!. You could call them up before hand if you like. Mr. Punchi Banda is the one to contact as he is the one directly in charge of your files. You can contact the Deputy Director Spectrum Management if you feel you need some more attention.;;;

## **RSSL SHACK SERVICES**

1. CW and theory revision classes for those interested in preparing for the next exam are progressing well now. New classes will be starting very soon. These classes are conducted on Sundays and it is encouraging to see members as far away as Galle coming regularly for these classes. They are conducted free of charge.

2. Any member can work on HF & VHF in the shack with prior arrangement, as we do not have someone taking responsibility for equipment and management of it. A 4S7 is required to give the opportunity to take out the HF equipment which is kept under lock and key. The RSSL has excellent equipment in the shack, thanks to the international community which donated equipment.

3. Library is functioning as usual in the shack. There are some very useful books, including antenna and operation manuals which we donated by 4S7ZW and DA Zernie and Denver and also an examination manual by Benbow donated by 4S7WN.

4. RSSL bulletin is published every month and members are free to advertise in it. The newsletter has to be expanded and made a useful source of information and education to members. Your articles are needed. Every article that was received was used and the Ed has no outstanding material on hand. Reprints from QSL and the Internet are unwarranted due to the high cost. Unlike in the early years and the 60s and 70s when photocopying was expensive and not freely available, today with e-mail, very cheap photocopying, these material could easily be made available. We need to give construction projects of members and their views, space in the monthly issues.

## **OBITUARY: KARL BOYMANNS DJ2NH 4S7NH**

“Today I got the sad news that our good old friend KARL BOYMANNS DJ2NH 4S7NH who was ailing for sometime had passed away. He first visited us in 1979 and after that he visited us many times with his family members. He proposed and brought down with him the first ever 2m repeater in 1985. The complete Stono repeater was brought down here with the 12v power supply and all the necessary co-axial cables. He came with his friends DL1ER-Uli, DB9KH-Rolf, DL8AJ-Otto who helped him to install the repeater on the OTS tower. He also gifted to the RSSL some 2m transceivers to work the repeater. On his many visits he met most of the old timers and brought various gifts to them.

In view of the great service he has done to the RSSL he was elected a honorary member. Ernest 4S7EA”  
The RSSL appreciates the services of Karl in bringing the RSSL into the repeater age whereby it has been possible to link our members scattered all over Sri Lanka. The repeater was shifted to Nuwara Eliya when the second repeater at Yatiyantota was installed. Currently the former Colombo/Neliya repeater is functioning from the HNB building in Colombo on 145.600. The RSSL extends it deepest sympathies to Karl’s family. He will be long remembered by his many friends and in years to come by appreciative members of the RSSL.

#### **MEMBER ADVERTS**

#### **FOR SALE**

**YAESU FL 2100B LINEAR AMPLIFIER with two spare 572B valves and operating manual. The linear amplifier needs to be serviced and tuned. I am selling this in an "AS IS" condition. The first offer of Rs. 10,000/- gets it. No bargaining please.**

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**60ft Tower for sale !!.** Three (3) 20ft sections. Includes attachment plates. Fully painted. Removed from a commercial installation. For more details contact Kamal 4S7AB on 0777 315630. Asking price is Rs 30,000 73 DE Kamal 4S7AB.

**WANTED:** HF transceiver Model Icom IC 718. Clearance has already been received and looking for one locally. Contact Hemantha on 0773154458

#### **Contest Information – December 2006**

Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge, CW from 1500Z Dec 17 to 1500Z Dec 18. Exchange: grid square only. Logs due Jan 31 (Cabrillo format only) to tbd@contesting.com.

Russian 160-Meter Contest--CW/SSB from 2100Z to 2300Z Dec 16 in two 1-hour segments. Exchange: RST, serial number, and square ID. Logs due Jan 21 to contest@radio.ru.

Croatian CW Contest from 1400Z Dec 17 to 1400Z Dec 18. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Exchange: RST + serial number. Logs due 30 days after the contest to zmaticic@inet.hr.

RAC Winter Contest--CW/Phone from 0000Z to 2359Z Dec 17. Frequencies (MHz): CW--25 kHz up from the 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. Non-VE stations exchange RST + serial number. Logs due Jan 31 to ve5sf@rac.ca.

DARC Christmas Contest--CW/SSB from 0830Z to 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. Exchange: RS(T) + DOK or Special Station code. Logs due 3 weeks after the contest to xmas@darc.de.

RAEM Contest--CW from 0200Z to 0959Z Dec 25. Frequencies: 80 - 10 meters. Exchange: Serial number and lat/lon (degrees only). Logs due Jan 10 to alo@udmurtneft.ru.

#### **THE LACADIVE ISLANDS / KARATHIVU ISLAND EXPEDITION VU7 - FEDERATION OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS IN INDIA.**

The long awaited VU7 operation will get underway from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and run the full month with some of the finest operators in India who have the experience of having operated Dxspeditions. They will use the VU7 prefix and they are expected to generate huge pile ups. The FARSI is the National Organisation of India. Their Web site as many details, including photographs and lists of operators. Visit their web site and contact Gopal our good friend if you need any other information. <http://arsi.info/vu7/>http://arsi.info/vu7/  
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