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The General Meeting for the Month of September will be held at the Council Room (1st Floor) of Vidya Mandiraya, SLAAS – Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science 120/10, Vidya Mawatha Colombo 7 on Wednesday the 29th of September 2004 at 5.30 pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the Council Room of SLAAS 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. Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

Tower Sold - The tower in possession of RSSL was sold to TNL for Rs.35,000 recently which was the highest offer received. The RSSL would like to thank Dammika 4S7DF for giving space to keep the tower for several years.

New Council Member

Subsequent to the AGM, Asgar Alibhoy 4S7AA tendered his resignation from the Council. The vacancy created by the resignation of Asgar was filled at the August General Meeting. J.T.Wijeratne (Wije) 4S7VJ was elected as a Council Member to fill this vacancy.

Morse Code Test

It has been brought to the notice of the RSSL that some representation has been made to the TRC regarding Morse/CW. The RSSL as the national body representing Amateur Radio in Sri Lanka and representing Sri Lanka in the IARU has informed the TRC that all matters regarding Amateur Radio should be taken in consultation with the RSSL as has been the case in the past 55 years. Members are free to express their views at the monthly meeting.

According to TRC the next Morse code examination is scheduled for 23rd October 2004. To help those taking the test the RSSL has made arrangements to transmit Morse code test practice on the repeater on 145.625 from 1445-1455 daily prior to the evening Net

Visit of the Japanese DX group

The Kansai Branch of the JARL has been organizing a DXSpedition to Sri Lanka during the past 4 years. At the time of writing the group almost numbering 35 is in Sri Lanka. The RSSL met the group and renewed the strong ties that exist between the JARL and the RSSL. They were scheduled to leave on the 25th September after a 7 day visit.

The RSSL welcomes the following who have joined the RSSL as Overseas Members from the JARL KANSAI

Hasegawa Yoshihika	JA3HXJ / 4S7YHG
Konagai Sadao	JA3CHS / 4S7CHG
Abiko Satoshi	JH3GXF / 4S7GXF
Takechi Akikazu	JH3IJY / 4S7IJG
Ikeda Masahiko	JQ3DUE/4S7DUG
Sakamoto Hikari	JM3INF / 4S7YJG

Ebihara Kazuo	JA3ART / 4S7GGG
Tanaka Toru	JR3QHQ / 4S7QHG
Nakasako Tsuguya	JA3UJR / 4S7UJG
Miyamoto Soichi	JA3DBD / 4S7DBD
Okushi Tatasuo	JA3ARJ / 4S7ARG
Miyagawa Kunio	JH3LSS / 4S7LSG
Tanigawa Tadaaki	JG3JKG / 4S7JKG
Nakade Masumi	JA3AVO / 4S7AVG
Funaki Takeshi	JJ3DST / 4S7DSG
Kato Seiji	JA3CFP
Iida Takeo	JA3BZO
Tanemura Ichiro	JG2GFX

Marlon Brando KE6PZH – Silent key

World famous Hollywood star Marlon Brando KE6PZH passed away few weeks ago at the age of 80. He used to operated from his Beverly Hills home with callsign KE6PZH and also from his own private island in French Polynesia with callsign FO5GJ.

Associate Members in Council

S.Sritharan and Shabbir Dawoodbhoy are the two Associate Member representatives in the RSSL Council. Any Associate Member who requires assistance can contact them. Their contact nos are

S.Sritharan - 011-2582913

S.Dawoodbhoy 011-2737133

As informed earlier, there was only one attendee at the Sunday examination classes. Therefore we request members to contact the Hony. Secretary well in advance if you need help and are willing to visit regular classes.

Magazines and Books donated to RSSL

The RSSL wishes to thank Ernest 4S7EA and Anthony Jayaranjan 4S7AJ for donating ham radio magazines and to George Jayaratne 4S6GJ for donating an ARRL handbook to RSSL. These were sold to members at the last General meeting and the proceeds were credited to RSSL.

QST for Sale

Few recent issues of QST magazine will be sold at the General Meeting at Rs.100 each.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- 1) VHF 5Wpower module for sale : M57796MA unused power module for sale Rs 2500/=.
- 2) 12V, 23A homebrew transformer type PSU for sale . Includes the homebrew wooden box with panel Volt meter and LED bargraph voltage indicators. Need some repairs. Rs 3000/=
- 3) Yaesu;FT-7B Sommerkamp SSB/CW/AM transceiver for sale . 50W on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m bands. Excellent working condition. Ideal for portable or mobile use, Includes hand mic, DC power cord, Instruction manual (includes service notes) and Circuit diagram. For the highest offer above Rs 19,000/=
- 4) Goodwill transceiver kit : Fully assembled and in working condx. 20m CW about 2W. Includes Headphones and user

manual Good for QRP enthusiasts or experimenters. Rs 2000/= Contact Kamal 4S7AB on 0777315630 or 033 2285252 4s7ab@qsl.net

DXPEDITION AT BERUWALA

The RSSL has decided to carryout a Dxpediton at Barberyne Island, Beruwala in February, 2005. This will be an international event in the IOTA Island AS-171.

AN ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST

The RSSL is organizing an international DX HF Contest. This event will be in April, 2005. The objective of the contest is promoting HF activity in Sri Lanka and allowing international amateur community to contact as many 4S stations as possible. Commitment of members is necessary to make this event a success.

ENACTMENT OF A BUILDING COMMITTEE

The RSSL had given attention to this priority issue. A four member committee will be appointed for the purpose. 4S6GJ and 4S7NI were appointed from the council at last council meeting. Other two members will be appointed from the general body in the forthcoming general meeting.

JOTA 2004

Jamboree on the air (JOTA) is an annual international event that amateurs all over the world help scouts developing skills in communication and achieving technical training necessary to set up stations. This event is planned this year in Sri Lanka in a grant style. The RSSL requests its members to give their contribution to make this event a success.

The Program

Following stations will be in operation in each specified location.

	Location	Callsign	Operator(s)
1.	Scouts Headquarters	4S7SR	4S6GJ & 4S5AK/4S5BA
2.	Girl guides Association	4S7RS	4S5SS/4S7VK
3.	St. Joseph's College	4S7IP	4S5RD
4.	Mahanama College	4S7MR	4S7FS
5.	St. John's College	4S6NM/A	4S7WI & 4S6NM
6.	Blind School	4S7SB	4S7KG, 4S7VJ & 4S6UV
7.	Siyana Teacher Training College	4S7HP/A	4S7HP, 4S7WW, 4S7CP & 4S5AS
8.	Kurunegala	4S7AI/A	4S7AI & 4S5SV
8.	Ibbagamuwa Central College	4S7MM/A	4S7MM, 4S7AI, 4S6SP & 4S5AH
9.	Kandy	4S7AK/KE	4S7AK/KE
10	Matara	4S7SW	4S7SW 4S7SKR 4S7CD
11	QTH of Ernest	4S7EA	4S7EA

Operation

4S7VK, 4S7VJ, 4S7KG, 4S7CF and 4S7KE will act as control operators in succession in each repeater. Every station is requested to strictly follow this planned operation, i.e. waiting for the controllers call rather than breaking. The control operator will ensure equal time for every station in rotation and call for emergency traffic from time to time.

We invite more volunteers to contact the RSSL to enable us to give what ever support needed in addition to sending scouts/guides to your station. Please contact Nishantha 4S7NI (Phone :011-2517094) if you need any info or are willing to participate. Unlicensed members also can operate and this is an ideal opportunity for them to get operating practice.

Activity

Time and date	Action
Friday evening / Saturday Morning	Setup and testing of stations
0830-0859 Saturday	Opening ceremony
0900-0929	Explanation of amateur radio and operational procedures for the first batch of scouts
0930 onwards	Operation of 2 m stations
1030 onwards	Operation of 40 m stations
1630	Closing down of 2 m stations
1631	Commencing of Dx activity on HF

Each station plans its own activity on VHF and HF according to number of scouts participating. (4S7NI Nishantha RSSL JOTA Coordinator)

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