



RSSL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2008

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

The General Meeting for the Month OF SEPTEMBER 2008 will not be held on the last Wednesday of the month as usual since the AGM will be held on the 21st of September.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the Sudharsi Hall at 0530 P.M. 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.

AGM 2008 AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCH.

Members would have received the AGM notice and the audited annual accounts which we posted at the end of August. The AGM will be held on **Sunday the 21st of September 2008 at 10.00a.m. in the Balcony Hall of the Otters Aquatic Club 3 8 0 / 1 Bauddhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7.**

The AGM will be followed by the customary fellowship lunch. We have arranged lunch at Rs.250 per person for those who would like to stay on and spend some time catching up with members who are heard but not often seen in Colombo. Since the AGM is a daytime event we always have a bigger crowd and is well represented by our outstation members. We welcome all our members whether they can wait for lunch or not.

THOSE WHO CAN STAY FOR LUNCH PLEASE INFORM THE SECRETARY/PRESIDENT/TREASURER OR ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS BEFORE THURSDAY EVENING so that we can place the order for lunch. We can usually accommodate a few last minute requests, so don't hesitate if you make up your mind at the last moment. In short, we welcome and will do all we can to have you. Of course attending the AGM has no fee and you will be served a welcome drink!

UPDATING SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Hony. Treasurer and his helpers will have a special desk to receive your membership fees which should be done before the commencement of the meeting to ensure the

smooth and undisturbed running of the meeting. At the time of electing office bearers if voting is necessary please be informed that only paid up members will be eligible to vote.

Applications are called for the Radio Amateur Examination in the government gazette of 22nd Aug 08 (Available with "Daily News" and "Dinamina" on 22nd Aug)

Closing date: 19th Sep 2008

Date of examination not known.

Applications available at the TRCSL

<[http://www.dailynews.lk/2001/pix/GazetteS08-08-](http://www.dailynews.lk/2001/pix/GazetteS08-08-22.pdf)

22.pdf><http://www.dailynews.lk/2001/pix/GazetteS08-08-22.pdf>.

RAE examination fee:- Advance class = 276/-

General class = 138/-

Novice class = 138/-

We are attaching an application form for the benefit of our members. Get it photocopied on two pages and send the application with a copy of your birth certificate and a Money Order in favour of Director General, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission. Try to be within the closing date, but if you can't due to unavoidable circumstances, don't give up. TRC will accept even a few days later, but don't take chances.

If you have a problem please contact 4S7VJ Wijay who will give you further details and any help needed. Wijay is our examinations expert.

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I might add that Wijay's website has a wealth of information including past question papers. Check out <<http://www.qsl.net/4s7vj>><http://www.qsl.net/4s7vj>

THEORY/PRACTICAL MORSE CLASSES

4S7VJ and Kule 4S7KG conduct classes on Sunday between 8.30 and 1 pm at the Club Station, on Haig Road, Bambalapitiya. Classes are free but you should become a member on your first day. Hi! Please contact Wijay and get details. Last year we had 100% exam successes. So why wait. Some members came from Galle, Kandy and such far off places. Don't worry about Morse. No one who seriously practiced failed and we had more than 20 passing 12WPM.

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FOR SALE Maspro WHS32N satellite antenna system with 20 element X yagi for 430mhz, 12 element X yagi for 144 mhz with the azimuth and elevation control rotors (needs servicing) Manual available. PRICE RS25K(price negotiable) Contact Ernest 4S7EA on 2852466.

JOTA: Jamboree On The Air: October 18th/19th

I don't think our members need an introduction to this event. This year we have tremendous interest from the Scouts HQ and Girl Guides H.Q. The Scouts have Dharshana Ranatunge(Old Royalist from 4S7RC days) co-ordinating the event. I quote from Dharshana's letter

"It was indeed a pleasure speaking to you and look forward to working with you to make the 51st Jamboree On The Air a memorable event for both The Radio Society of Sri Lanka and the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides

The Date scheduled are the 18th and 19th of October 2008
The official invitation letter is posted .to you today

Some activities I am proposing to have this year are as follows

- a) An awareness program about Ham Radio and encourage scouts about it
- b) A career guidance workshop based on Radio and IT
- c) An exhibition of Radio Equipment QSL Cards etc.
- d) And a competition based on guidelines given by the World Bureau
- e) Encourage scouts to exchange letters with global friends and form new friendship
- f) Obtain wide media publicity (TV PRESS AND RADIO)
- g) Have our own web site and blog for the event

The JOTA will run concurrently with JOTI we expect to have a JOTI station at HQ as well

Would like to know how many stations that you will be in a position to accommodate and what locations. So that we can Organise a set of volunteers to assist you."
look forward to working with you and all at RSSL".

So please let the RSSL Sec know as soon as possible whether you are in a position to run a JOTA station. We need someone in Kandy, also Galle and Matara in addition to our regular stations at Guides and Scouts HQ, Ratnapura, D.S. Senananyake College. Ibbagamuwa Boralasdgamuwa and Bandarawela. With Dharshana at Scouts HQ we are assured of maximum cooperation from the Scouts to make your time worthwhile. For further details please contact Victor 2614098.

MEMBER INFO: 4S7PM EDMOND PERERA is a true example of a real Radio Ham. Perhaps our oldest Ham on the band, is a former Radio Ceylon Engineer. I am told that when the Japanese were bombing Colombo in 1945 Edmond was switching transmitters and antennas manually for the Navy Communications single handed. The **MANCORAD RADIO CLUB IN WISCONSIN** gifted a 2m base station to put him on the air on VHF and you will have the pleasure of hearing him checking in on the net at 1530UTC.

SARATH MAPA 4S7MM Our good friend and very active operator Sarath from Ibbagamuwa is very ill at the time of writing and is in hospital. I am sure everyone wishes him a speedy and complete recovery and a return to the band very soon.

4S7NI Nishantha & 4S5TL Tilak are back on their feet and we are happy to have them in mint condition and active on the bands.

HF/VHF BAND CONDITIONS: In the last 3 weeks we have seen an improvement in band conditions around 1200Z and holding up till around 1600 UTC especially on 20m. Signals from Japan and Europe have reached 59+ giving big pile ups to 4S7KM, 4S7NE, 4S7EA.

RON & MADHVI are back in 4S7 and Ron is playing around with a 40m beam..home brew of course. He has had much luck working Stateside and S.America on CW

NELSON 4S7NE keeps the 4S7 flag flying high on 80m CW/SSB and also on 40m burning the midnight oil. 73 de 4S7VK

Articles/Information Needed: Your Newsletter is as good as you make it.

E-Mail Newsletters: If you like to get the newsletter by e-mail please send me your address. If you like to get RSSL announcements only but not the newsletter, inform me as well. Its useful to be able to reach you via e-mail
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