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THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST WILL NOT BE HELD DUE TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at The Ceylon Tourist Board Committee room, 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 :285 3982). Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer at the monthly meetings

RSSL Announcements

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 7TH SEPTEMBER

Notice of the AGM has already been sent. Venue - Berjaya Mount Royal Beach Hotel, 36, College Avenue, Mount Lavinia. Sunday 7th September 2003. Time 10.00AM.

AGM to be followed by a Buffet Lunch at the Hotel. Tickets for the lunch priced are at Rs.525, (Please have change or the exact amount when you pay) Beach and Pool available for use of Members with a changing room, corkage free for hard liquor provided soda/soft drinks are bought from the Hotel.

We urge all members to attend the AGM If you are unable to stay on for lunch you can take part in the AGM proceedings. Please note that the Rs. 525 charge is for Lunch and not for AGM participation!!! The RSSL will serve you a welcome drink. Lunch tickets are available with the Secretary and members of the Council. You may purchase tickets at the AGM itself, however, advance notice of your participation would be greatly appreciated to get the numbers right. We need to confirm participation of at least 30 people for the fellowship lunch.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS

The financial year for RSSL accounts was advanced for March from this year. The current financial year which begins from March 2003 is 2003/2004. Members are expected to make their payments for 2003/2004 to be without arrears and also to be eligible to vote at the next AGM. The Council have decided to give the concession of paying only for the last two years and update the membership up to the current year.

In the address label of your newsletter, the year within brackets in the second line after your callsign, indicates the year you have last paid for. E.g. (2003) means you have paid for 2002/2003 and you need to pay for 2003/2004. Members who intend to pay their membership dues can do so before the AGM and are requested to come early to make payments. If you intend to pay at the AGM bring this newsletter with the address label.

Members who had arrears for more than two-year had their names removed from RSSL Membership register, but corporate members with valid licenses continued to receive the newsletter. The Council has taken a decision to discontinue sending the newsletter to those members and this will be the last newsletter they will receive. Please pay up only for the last two years and update your membership without delay.

OBITUARY" Rev. Fr. Wilfred Paul Sollom VS7PS/G3BGL

It is with deep sadness that the RSSL is announcing the passing away of a much-respected founder member of the RSSL, Rev Fr. Paul Sollom in the United Kingdom. Paul was well known to all the old timers of the RSC/RSSL as the main force behind the initiation of efforts to form the Radio Society of Ceylon in 1949. There is a very appreciative article about Paul in the last RSSL Journal. He was an engineer attached to Radio SEAC for a few years and upon his return to the UK, joined the priesthood.

He continued to be involved in ham radio and in fact was in charge of the electronics laboratory in the abbey school. Although he left Sri Lanka/Ceylon in the early fifties he continued to keep in close contact with his old friends here. In fact every month he didn't fail to acknowledge receipt of the e-mailed RSSL Newsletter. I know many will mourn the passing away of this great man and the RSSL has extended its sympathies to the Rector of his monastery. We thank Peter Perera 4S7PE/G4AJG who attended the funeral and officially represented the RSSL

An e-mail that the RSSL received from a British Ham amply illustrates the greatness of Paul. "He was telling a story of a 2 Farad capacitor on the grid of one of the transmitters which failed circa 1948. There being no supplies from the UK, something had to be done! He admired the skill of those (which he taught) to cut open the capacitor drain the solvent (no doubt highly carcinogenic). Since the capacitor made up of smaller ones inside, the trick was to see the shorted one, and simply remove it. Put back fluid, weld back the box and replace, now a 1.8 F capacitor, and the transmitter did not notice. Lovely! I understand he was contacted recently by one of those workers in an email from California, where he has a factory. You may know more about all this than I do. Gerard 73s de G3WIP"

Nadisha Ranmuthu 4S7NR: The RSSL participated in the final rights and paid a floral tribute on behalf of the members of the RSSL. Nearly 15 hams were at the funeral and many more paid their respects at his residence.

Light House DXpedition

The International Amateur Radio lighthouse weekend took place this year on 16th and 17th August 2003. weekend. This year the RSSL ran two stations, one at Dondra 4S7RSL and at Beruwela/Barbarine Island 4S7LGT. Nalaka 4S6NM, 4S5UR Upali and Sarath 4S7SW kept the Sri Lankan flag flying at Dondra on both HF and VHF. At Barbarine 4S7LGT was operated by a

rather big group who had to go across to the Island on Saturday morning getting a good salt water dousing in the boat. But it was well worth it, having a fantastic time on the island. A long wire of 100 ft through the auto tuner, dropped down from the top of the lighthouse provided some interesting signals. However, the fellowship enjoyed by the participants was 59+++.

Dimuthu 4S7DZ, Uthpola 4S6UV, SWL Prasad and Sandeepani 4S6YL displayed high skills at keeping the group well fed! The BBQ was top class as well. Victor 4S7VK, Kusal 4S7 KE, Dammika, 4S7DF, 4S7KG Kule, Dimuthu 4S7DZ, Uthpola 4S6UV, Deepa 4S6YL, Siri 4S7SA and SWLs Shabir Dawoodbooy, & Prasad made up the great team. The assistant lighthouse keeper Rohan Chandrasiri and his assistant couldn't have given us all a better welcome.

QSL BURO QSL CARDS

A bunch of outgoing QSL cards will be despatched shortly, if you have got any to be sent out please hand them over to QSL Manager Uthpala as soon as possible.

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