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The General Meeting for the Month of February will be held at the Tourist Board Committee Room on Wednesday the 28th of April 2004 at 5.30 pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at The Ceylon Tourist Board Committee Room (1st Floor), 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:011-2853982). Membership and ID Card applications can be obtained at the meetings Membership renewals are also accepted by the Treasurer at the monthly meetings.

RADIO AMATEUR THEORY CLASSES:

Amateur radio classes have been tentatively planned for Saturday mornings at Bambalapitiya near Vision House on Galle Road at premises belonging to Bharat. More details will be given at the General Meeting. Those who want to follow the classes, please send us your contact info for us to inform you more details of dates, times etc. Initially classes will be held once every two weeks.

April Newsletter: The RSSL wishes to thank Charitha Athukorala for bearing the cost of printing and posting this months newsletter.

RSSL CALLBOOK 2004

The Council is trying hard to have copies of the Call-book ready for distribution at the General Meeting. The final database file is already with the printer. All members will receive a copy each via mail. Once again it is with great joy that the Council thanks Calvin Fernando 4S7CF for meeting all costs involved with the publishing.

DX Night

An overnight DX session has been planned at the On Bolgoada lake.

Where members will have the chance operating the club station and work DX. Non license holders will also have the opportunity to get some operating practice in this event. A barbecue, camping it out, RF session will all be part be of the event. The date for the event is tentatively planned for a Saturday evening in late May or early June. More information in the next newsletter.

VHF Net – The VHF net on Yati repeater has not been very regular during the recent past. Members are requested to volunteer and take the net whenever it is

possible. There are many who had never been a net controller and this is an ideal opportunity for those to try and take the net, it will help in to enhance your operating skills.

TRC – The RSSL brought to the attention of TRC many issues related to amateur radio and has received a response from TRC. Given below is summary of the TRC response dated 29th January 2004.

License in book format – The sample license in book format has been prepared and sent to the legal TRC division for clearance and this has not yet been finalised as the conditions in all licenses are to be amended. One the legal clearance is received it will be forwarded to the Commission for approval.

Allocation of callsigns of deceased members - TRC has agreed to a proposal by RSSL not to allocate callsigns of deceased operators to new license holders at least for 10 years after the demise of the said operator.

HF Mobile operation – This will be allowed after the new Gazette notification.

License renewals to be done every 5 years – TRC has agreed to RSSL proposal to renew licenses every 5 years and will be done after the relevant Gazette notification is published.

Publish amateur radio exam notices and amateur radio license application form and procedure on TRC web site- TRC has agreed to this proposal by RSSL

The RSSL has also lodged a complaint with TRC requesting effective measures be taken to stop interference caused to amateur radio bands by fishing trawler communications. The Director General of Telecommunication has referred this matter to the attention of Spectrum Management Division of TRC.

Amateur Radio exam – The Gazette notification calling for applications for next amateur radio exam is due to appear on 15th May Government Gazette according to Mr. Ganeshamoorthy – Assistant Director of TRC.

Callsign Updates – Associate Members who obtain amateur radio licenses should upgrade their membership category to Corporate Membership by informing RSSL with a copy of their license and paying the relevant Corporate Membership fee. Those who upgrade their class of licenses should also similarly inform the RSSL about their new callsigns with a copy of license.

Violation of Regulations

Members are advised to strictly adhere to the conditions of their licenses and operate with the stipulated bands and power output levels of their respective classes of licenses. Several complaints have been received by RSSL from members that some of the members are exceeding the privileges of their license classes by operating on unallocated bands (on HF) and transmitting higher power levels (specially on VHF). It is the duty of every amateur operator not to abuse the operating privileges granted to them. The RSSL as the national amateur radio society will strive to monitor that every member acts in a responsible manner.

Magazines for sale – A lot of QST and other magazines which were received by the RSSL during the past few years will be sold at the General Meeting. Price of QST at Rs.20 and others at Rs.10 per magazine

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