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The General Meeting for the Month of August 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 25th of August 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.

URGENT - 60 foot Tower to be sold immediately:

The Council has priced the tower at Rs 35,000 and this 10 section imported commercially built tower has to be sold and removed from the QTH of 4S7DF at Dehiwala before the end of the month. Please contact the President 4S7VK.

AGM 2004

The AGM of the RSSL was held on the 1st of August at the Berjaya Mount Royal Beach Hotel with the participation of 48 members.

The following were re-elected as Patron and Vice Patrons.

Patron : Hon. Minister of Mass Communications.

Vice Patrons : Secretary - Ministry of Mass Communications.

Director General - Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.

The following were elected as new office bearers.

President – Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

1st Vice President – Ernest Amarasinghe 4S7EA

2nd Vice President – Vasantha Guruge 4S7VG

Hony. Secretary – Kusal Epa 4S7KE

Hony. Treasurer – Asantha Illesinghe 4S7AK

Council Members –

K.K.G.Kulasekara 4S7KG

Nishantha Perera 4S7NI

Asgar Alibhoy 4S7AA

Sena Fernando 4S5SS

George Jayaratne 4S6GJ

S.Sritharan

Shabbir Dawoodbhoy

Vacancy for Council Member

Subsequent to the AGM, Asgar Alibhoy 4S7AA has tendered his resignation from the Council. The vacancy created by the resignation of Asgar will be filled at the August General Meeting. Only paid up corporate members are eligible to be appointed to this position.

New Appointments

The Council which met on 18th August 2004 made the following appointments.

Editor - Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

IARU liason – Victor Goonetilleke 4S7VK

Awards Manager – Ernest Amarasinghe 4S7EA

QSL Manager – Uthpala Vithana 4S6UV

Yati Repeater Coordinator - Ernest Amarasinghe 4S7EA

Nuwara Eliya Repeater Coordinator – Edward Wickramasinghe 4S7EW

Asst. Treasurer – Nishantha Perera 4S7NI

RSSL Meets new DGT

President Victor and Secretary Kusal met the new Director General of Telecommunications Mr. Aruna Amarasekara at the TRC on 4th August 2004. The RSSL congratulated the DGT on his new appointment and was appraised of the amateur radio activities in Sri Lanka and RSSL. Many issues were discussed and the DGT said that steps would be taken to expedite matters that have been pending for many years. Also involved in the discussions were Ms. Ramani Indikadulla, Asst. Director in charge of Amateur Radio Services.

Asia Pacific Air Internet Jamboree-7th August 2004

This was the first time that this JOTA was organized and the RSSL took part in it to help scouts and girl-guides at the request of the Scouts HQ AND Girl-guides HQ. Two stations were set up at Scouts HQ 4S7SR and Girl Guides HQ 4S7RS. However, the response at 4S7SR was not too great but THE guides put up a very strong showing. The RSSL was able to help guides to communicate with Scouts at 4S7SR. This JOTA was a good rehearsal for the main JOTA in October. The RSSL wishes to thank 4S7VK, 4S7KE, 4S7AK, 4S7NI, 4S6GJ, 4S5SS, 4S5BA who helped to make the event a success. We wish to thank the Guides HQ and Scouts HQ for their interest and the many guides who traveled from Kandy, Ratnapura and Kelaniya. The opportunity was also made use of to explain Amateur Radio to the guides as arrangements were excellent at Girl Guides HQ. The RSSL is being approached to help set up club stations at Furgusson's School in Ratnapura and at Girls High School and Mahamaya College Kady. Vijaya Newspaper sponsored the event and gave publicity to the event.

JOTA – October 2004 17th-18th Weekend

The RSSL plans to operate many stations outside of Colombo, in addition to the regular stations in Colombo for this event. The Scouts Corner of the Vijaya Newspaper is sponsoring the event this time and is giving the event very wide publicity. There is tremendous interest and the RSSL is being urged to help set up stations in as many parts

of the island as possible. All arrangements will be taken care of and from our side we need our hams to help set up stations. We need to set up stations in all regional Cetres like Colombo, Galle, Matara, Ratnapura, Kandy, Kurunegala, Negambo, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Monaragala, Mahiyangana, Nuwara Eliya/Hatton and we are exploring the possibility of having a station in Jaffna. Any ham who is in a position to run a VHF, HF station will be helping these young people to enjoy the benefits of national and international communications. Those who have taken part before will vouch for the joy the event brings our youth through the JOTA and it always brings in new entrants to the hobby.

We need hams to volunteer for the event and associate members and friends can also help. Every station has to have a licensed ham of course with his/her equipment.

Nishantha 4S7NI (Tel:2517094) has been appointed by the Council as the Coordinator for the JOTA. Please get in touch with Nishantha and/or the President/Secretary RSSL about your availability and where you wish to set up the station so that Scouts and Guides will be directed to the station. The whole event is being coordinated between Scouts HQ, Girl Guides HQ, Vijaya Publications and the RSSL like never before. **We need your help.** A double page feature article on Amateur Radio will be published two weeks before the event.

August/Sept contest info – de Nishantha <4s7ni@qsl.net>

Russian RTTY WW Contest, sponsored by Radio, from 0000Z-2400Z Sep 4. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: SOAB, SOSB, MS,

SWL. Exchange: RST + WAZ zone or Russian Oblast. QSO Points: own continent--5 pts, different cont--10 pts. Score: QSO points. × DXCC entities + Russian oblasts, each counted once per band. Logs due Oct 4 to contest@radio.ru or Radio Magazine, Seliverstov per 10, 107045 Moscow, Russia.

All-Asian DX Contest--Phone, 0000Z Sep 4-2400Z Sep 5 (see June QST, p 98 or www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2004AA_Rule.htm).

IARU Region 1 Field Day--SSB--sponsored by IARU Societies, 1300Z Sep 4-1300Z Sep 5 (see June QST, p 98). Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SOAB (LP, QRP), MS (HP, LP). Exchange: RST and serial number. QSO Points: non-EU to EU--3 pts, with portable EU stations 4 pts. Score: QSO points × DXCC and WAE entities counted once/band. For more information: www.iaru.org or IARU Region 1 society Web sites. Send logs to the appropriate national societies (NA hams to RAC or ARRL).

DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest--Digital Modes--sponsored by the Deutsche Amateur Radio Committee, 1100Z-1700Z Sep 5. Frequencies (MHz): 28.050-28.150 on RTTY, Pactor, PSK31, Amtor, Clover. Categories: SO, SWL. Stations may be worked on each mode, but count for multipliers only once. Exchange: RST + serial number. QSO Points: 1 pt/QSO. Score: QSO Points × WAE countries + DXCC entities + W/VE/JA districts. For more information: www.darc.de/referate/hf/contest/dl9gs. Logs due 4 weeks after the contest to dl9gs@darc.de or to

Alfred Schlendermann, DL9GS, POB 10 22 01, D-44722 Bochum, Germany.

Wanted

HF Rig. The Rx should have general coverage capability. Yaesu FT 757 or FT 840 preferred. Please contact Mahindasiri – 4S7UM on 011-2332758(office) or 031-2233640(Res).

Upgrading of Membership status.

All Associate Members who have obtained Amateur Radio licenses are requested to upgrade their membership status to Corporate Membership by informing the Secretary of their new call sign & sending a copy of their license or the covering letter from the TRC. There are quite a few who have not upgraded their membership and this created confusion in voting at the AGM. Besides in the event of allocating transmitting equipment only those Corporate and paid up members will be eligible.

Newsletter by Email

Members who wish to receive the newsletter by email in addition to the printed version, need to give your email address to the Secretary. The E-version of the Newsletter is sent free of charge. In fact we await the day when all members could be reached via e-mail!

ARRL Book for sale

A single copy of an ARRL Handbook is available for sale at the August General Meeting for Rs.1000. If there is more than one applicant the winner of a draw will receive the book.

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