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The General Meeting for the Month of June 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 30th of May 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.

July – No General Meeting

In view of the AGM scheduled for Sunday 1st August 2004, a General Meeting will not be held in July.

Notices

Presentation on Digital Cellular Mobile

Kusal 4S7KE will make a short presentation on Digital Cellular Mobile Phone systems after the General meeting on 30th June 2004.

DAISY Book on Amateur Radio Lecture notes

Any member who wishes to obtain copies of DAISY book CD on Amateur Radio lecture notes please contact Kule on phone 011-2878170.

Amateur Radio Examination Study material

J. T Wijeratne (Wije) 4S7VJ has posted some study material which are useful for the amateur radio examination on his personal website. Please visit <http://www.qsl.net/4s7vj/lesson.htm>

RSSL DX Night

The DX night out was enjoyed by 22 members who participated. There were 2 HF stations and a VHF station in operation. Although we didn't work huge pile ups the fellowship and fun of this evening were well worth the effort. Food and RF were in plenty and everyone had a great time on the island. All the participants were given a

gift in the dinner ticket raffle draw.

Interference to Amateur Bands form Fishing Trawlers

The RSSL made an official complaint to the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on interference caused to the Amateur Bands by Fishing Trawlers operating outside their allocated frequencies. Subsequently the TRC has drawn the attention of the Fisheries Ministry to this matter and had asked the Fisheries ministry to ensure that the Fishing Trawlers operate within their allocated frequencies by noticing them of the allocations. For the information of members the allocated frequencies for Fishing Trawler Communications are given below.
2182 kHz, 4068 kHz, 4098 kHz, 4283 kHz, 6210.4 kHz, 8281.2 kHz (All with 3kHz bandwidth)

RSSL CALLBOOK 2004

2004 Callbook was sent along with the May newsletter to all members. Due to a mix up by the printer the pages were interchanged which was corrected but still a few pages were not in alphabetical order. In the Corporate Member address list pages the last two pages under the surnames starting with letter **W** should be interchanged to have them in alphabetical order. Every effort was made to verify the accuracy of contact information of members before printing by asking the members to check them in the January 2004 Newsletter address label which carried the contact information of members including the phone nos and email as available in the RSSL Members database. Subsequent to the printing of the callbook the following corrections have been informed.

- 4S7GF Sam Silva's current contact phone no is 011-2886082
- 4S7KM Ranjith Pieris – phone no should be corrected as 011-2826926

If any corrections are to be informed in the newsletter please inform the Secretary.

For Sale

Icom IC-72A All Band HF Transceiver with General Coverage Receive going cheap, also 40ft antenna tower. Contact Sam 4S7GF on 011-2886082

Magazines for Sale

Magazines received by the RSSL will be sold at the General meeting at the following rates. Recent issues of RSGB Radcom magazine (2002 & 2003) will sold at Rs.50 each. 2002 & 2003 issues of Amateur Radio Magazine of Wireless Institute of Australia will be sold at Rs. 20 each

Subscription Payments

Reminder notices have been sent to all members who had arrears in subscription. Final notices will shortly be sent members who are in arrears for more than two years giving them 30 days to pay up after which if not paid their names would be removed from the membership register.

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND 2004.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend came into being from the Scottish Northern Lighthouses award weekend. Over the past 6 years it has grown to over 350 lighthouses in some 45 countries around the world participating in the event. The event is always held on the 3rd full weekend in August starting at 0001 UTC on Saturday and finishing at 2359 UTC on Sunday. It also now coincides on the Sunday with the International Lighthouse Day. The basic objective of the event is to promote public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and their need for preservation and restoration, to promote amateur radio and to foster International goodwill.

This highly popular annual August event attracts hundreds of amateur radio stations at lighthouses and lightships (369 in 48 countries for the 2003 weekend) world-wide. This year the period of the event is from 0001 UTC on Saturday 21 August until 2359 UTC on Sunday 22 August 2004. The event is NOT a contest. It is a special event weekend when amateur radio stations are established at lighthouses or lightships, they do not have to be adjacent to salt water, and each group decides how it will operate the station with regard to modes and

bands. Participants are not committed to being on the air during the entire period - operate as much as you can. We wish operators to enjoy themselves and have fun while making contact with as many stations as possible whilst giving priority to other lighthouse/lightship stations.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend is used to obtain maximum exposure for our hobby. The RSSL will seek permission from Harbour Master to operate the event at Galle, Dondra and Beruwala lighthouses. Since this is a special event even unlicensed members can operate using the special event station callsign. As it is necessary to get prior permission from harbour master all interested members are requested to send their names and ID numbers to the Secretary.

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