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The General Meeting for the Month of February will be held at the Tourist Board Committee Room on Wednesday the 31st of March 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:

The RSSL is in the process of finalising classes. 4S7VJ Vijay will coordinate the classes with his vast experience over the years. Others will also contribute with their expertise. These classes will be open to all members. 4S5BA Bharath Aponso has offered accommodation for classes at Bambalapitiya. You are requested to contact the Secretary ASAP, so that we can plan for numbers. In addition to the above Kule 4S7KG will continue to hold CW Morse classes where 4S7AA has been allowing accommodation at Thimbirigasyaya.

The RSSL wishes to thank all these gentlemen for giving us accommodation and coming forward to hold classes. More details will be worked out at the General Meeting on the 31st of March. We urge you to attend the meeting.

JOTA 2004 Scouts Jamboree:

At the last JOTA the Editor of the Wijaya Newspaper Scouts Page initiated interest in sponsoring the JOTA 2004. The Newspaper runs a [page devoted to Scouting every other week.

The RSSL had a meeting with the Wijaya Newspaper Group at Girl Guides HQ to work out a strategic plan for the JOTA 2004. Initially it has been planned to have 10 stations islandwide with the possibility of having more depending on members volunteering .

Stations are to be located at Scouts H.Q. Girl Guides H.Q and hopefully along with other stations that have operated in the past few years Viz. Mahanama, Serendib Int. School, D.S. St. Josephs, School for the Blind. RSSL station at Kandy, Veyangoda and Kurunegala/lbbagamuwa. We need members to operate from Anuradhapura, Ratnapura, Mahiyangana, Galle, Matara, Nuwara Eliya and any other place that they are willing to operate from, either HF, VHF or both. All arrangements will be made, including transport, meals and accommodation. What we need is for willing members to offer their services. You are welcome to come forward as a team or as individuals and state your preference as to the location. As you can see this is a new effort with elaborate arrangements to make the JOTA a really big event. We really hope the members will rise to the occasion.

March Newsletter: This month's Newsletter is sponsored financially by our member Charitha Athokorala and the upcoming Newsletters will also be sponsored by him to a great extent. We wish to thank Charitha for his generous involvement. With such support we intend making the Newsletter a really Newsy one.

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.

When members come forward to finance projects, offer their buildings to hold classes, volunteer time and effort for RSSL projects, it gives members renewed faith in the RSSL and its members. We are also awaiting in the post the needed Crystals for the other repeater that has needed crystals for a long time. We thank 4S7RO Ron, for making all arrangements and meeting all costs involved. We are very thankful for such positive moves which renews our confidence in the membership.

Amateur Radio exam – The Gazette notification calling for applications for amateur radio exam was due to appear in March. Contact Mr. Ganeshamoorthy – Assistant Director of TRC (Phone 011-2689345) for further information.

INDIAN HAM STAMP COLLECTOR SEEKS CONTACTS

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Would like to exchange correspondence on air or mail and exchange stamps. Markose is often heard on 7060,

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 QST at Rs.20 and others Rs.10 per magazine

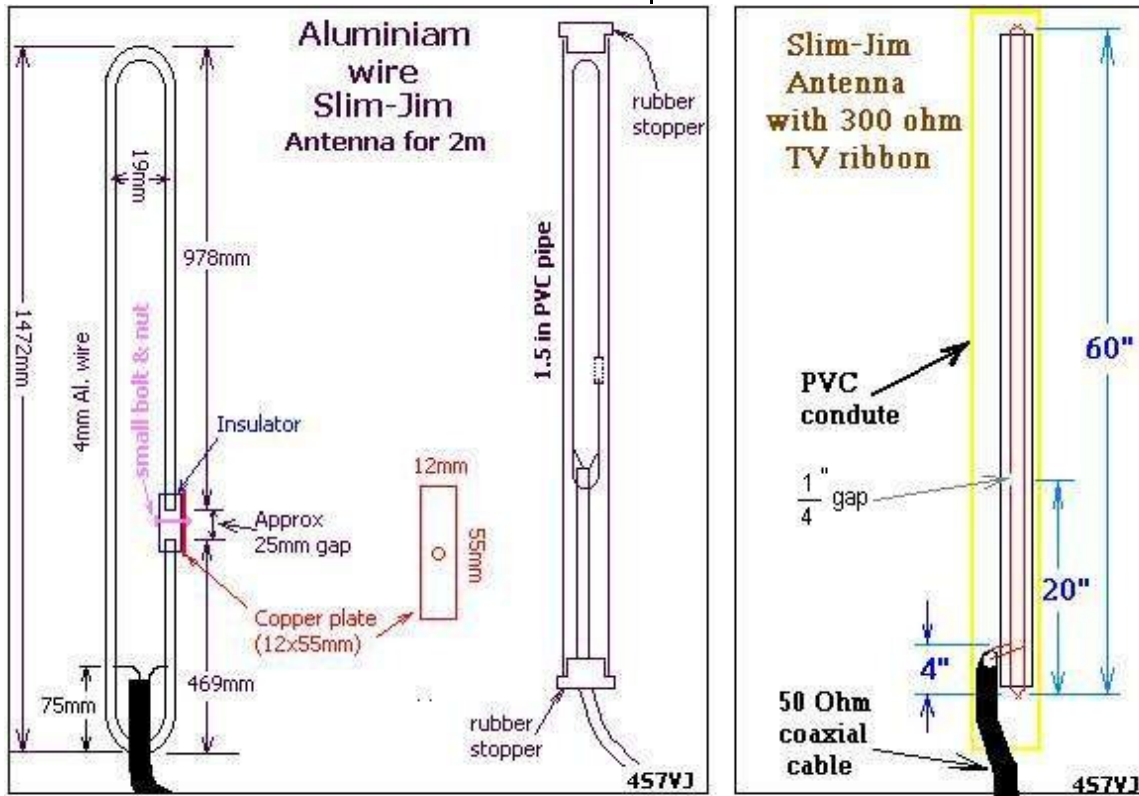
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Financial Year ends on the 31st of March. Therefore 2003/2004 membership ends on that date. If you have not already paid, please pay up for last year and renew for the year 2004/2005. The Treasurer will be sending out renewal notices to those who are in arrears. You can pay your membership fees at the monthly meetings.

**VHF 2 METRE ANTENNA FOR 144-146 MHz -
- 4S7VJ Wijay**

We have had many requests from New Hams and associate members for a simple VHF antenna design. Most hams have tried this out and found this non direction antenna most useful. In the April issue we will feature a co-linear antenna and multi-element Yagi.

You may contact Wijay at "J.T.Wijeratne" <jt4s7vj@slt.lk>



Three types of SLIM-JIM antenna (omni directional-vertical) suitable for 2m band

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