



# RSSL NEWS

**MAY 2008** | THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**The General Meeting for the Month of May 2008 will be held on the last Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) of the month as usual 5.30 p.m. . The venue is the Sudharshi Hall of the Sinhala Association opposite the BMICH. There is ample parking there and we welcome all our members to come over for the meeting.**

**The Meetings for JUNE will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>. As always the last Wednesday of the month if not otherwise notified.**

### MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at the Sudharshi Hall at 0530 P.M. 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.

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**OBITUARY 4S5DR SAMUEL** : Its with great disbelief and sadness that we learnt of the passing away of our good friend Mr. Samuel under tragic circumstances. He was on his way back from Yatiyantota to Mout Lavinia when he was involved an accident. He passed away and according to his wishes a private funeral took place the following day. The RSSL received information a few days later.

We all miss him very much. A very soft-spoken gentleman in the true sense of the word. He was liked by everyone who he came into contact with. Often, people found that he operated on a higher plane of knowledge, especially Mathematics, and found him a little difficult to understand. It was not easy for him at his advanced age to get the Amateur Radio syllabus into his system, but he did it, passed and came on the air. He was one of the most regular members to check in on the evening net from Yatiyantota and Mount Lavinia. May his soul rest in peace.

**MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF D.R.SAMUEL 4S5DR.**

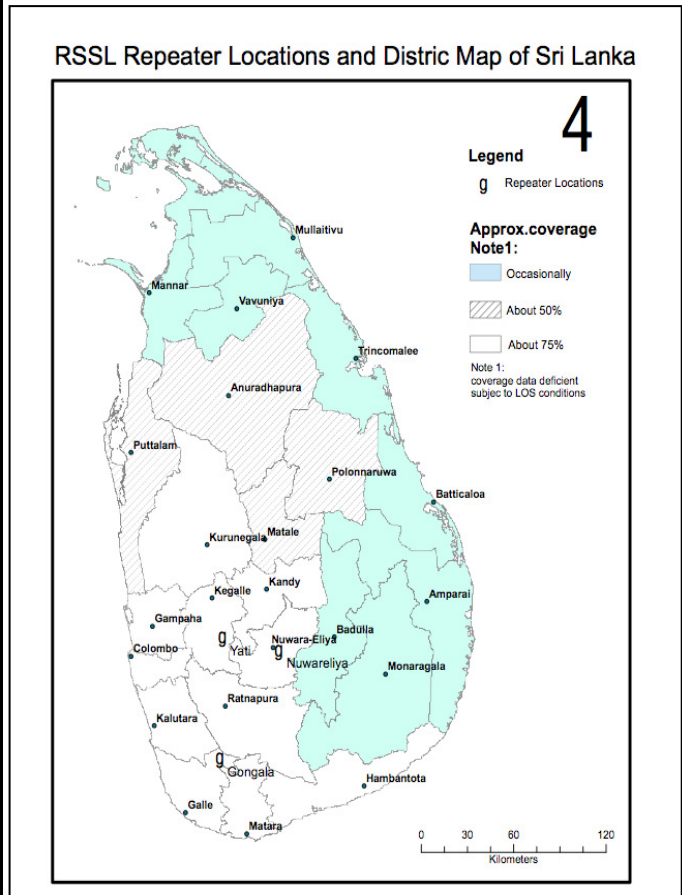
A special service will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5 pm at St. Paul's Church Milagiriya. We urge members to attend this service to pay their respects to the memory of our friend 4S5DR. His sister Mrs. Balaratnaraja (Tel 2588634) wanted us to inform the membership about the memorial service. You could call her and condole.

**Glen(4S7GV) & Mallika Wickramaratne** wish to thank everyone who was there for them in various ways at a difficult time on the untimely death of their youngest daughter Mano who lived in France with her husband and three daughters. It was a shock to everyone who knew this lady since Glen and family have been an integral part of the RSSL family since 1950s. We are all very saddened and we extend our deepest sympathies. Anyone who likes to contact GV can do so on Tel: 4872220

### GONGALA DENIYAYA REPEATER INSTALLATION: UPDATE

Just a few days after the Sinhala/Tamil New Year Dimuthu/Wijay/Ravi/Jaliya and Arosha were back at Deniyaya and trouble shot and got the repeater to work beautifully. Remember this is the first ever Amateur Repeater we got in 1984 and for all its age works beautifully. From Ambalangoda to Katharagama and we are sure beyond, Deniyaya gives excellent coverage and the bonus is that from Colombo and the suburbs there is easy coverage using an external beam antenna. This is so thrilling since it should now be possible to contact our friends who go down mobiling south from our homes in the Western province. The RSSL is very keen to determine the coverage and urge our members to try it out from various parts of the island. This repeater is part of our wider disaster communications project to be able to contact the entire Island from a Central command position in Colombo. Once again our deep appreciation to Dimuthu 4S7DZ, and his team for a third visit in less than 3 months and a job well done.

We are including a coverage map of the combined repeaters at Yatiyantota, Nuwara Eliya and Deniyaya



### RSSL FAMILY GET-TOGETHER ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

Club Penthouse at Madapatha Thuduwa on Bolgoda Lake; Sun Island was the venue for this great event with 53 fine folks gathering together and enjoying the day out. A lot of fun and games including a

test to hear CW underwater carried out by 4S7DZ/7JL/ 6AK. A very special feature of the day was when the new hams made a fine presentation of two awards to Wijay4S7VJ and Kule 4S7KG in appreciation of their teaching efforts. The award was beautifully designed with a Vacuum Tube on a brass base and an engraved plate. We will have a picture of these two proud OMs receiving the award, in our web site. Our evergreen Shelton 4S7SJ thrilled kids and adults alike with a magic show. A fine lunch, enough RF and tea completed a fine family get together. Special surprise Guest was our former Secretary 4S7KE Kusal who was on a short visit to Sri Lanka and fitted in the day to a tight schedule to meet his old friends

#### **RSSL SOUTHEHRN NET VIA THE DENIYAYA REPEATER**

With the success of the Deniyaya repeater a new VHF Net will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at 7.30 PM (1400 UTC) on 145.600 out and 145.000 input. Siri 4S7SA will be net controller assisted by Mario 4S7SKR and Jayantha 4S5SC. We urge all those who can access the Deniyaya repeater to check in.

**RSSL YATI REPEATER NET:** 145.625 out/145.025 input at 9.00p.m. 1530 UTC. Ravi 4S5RV has been conducting the net regularly and your support by checking in will be greatly appreciated.

**COMPUTER FOR THE RSSL SHACK:** After the General body had approved a Council decision to purchase a computer for the shack, and 5 estimates a band new computer was purchased in mid May for the shack. This will enable Echolink, skype and any PC based activity that is needed for the shack for Amateur Radio. The membership is urged to use these facilities which are made available for the benefit of our members. Bharath 4S5BA who is our Shack custodian gives the shack 24x7 ADSL connectivity, so you are welcome to browse the Internet as well.

***RSSL facilities:*** We would like to remind our members that the RSSL makes many facilities available to our members. We pay license fees for 3 repeaters and their maintenance. We do not fuss over non members using them but would urge every radio amateur in Sri Lanka to join the RSSL and be a part of this whole operation. The shack offers VHF/UHF/HF facilities, Internet and a fine library. We would like to have a satellite operation. We are constantly looking at improving not only facilities, but also Amateur Radio itself. We would like you to come up with suggestions, proposals both short term and long term towards this end. We also urge members to take on and spearhead such projects whether they be in the Council or not. We have funds and we would like to spend for worthwhile projects.

When you have an idea or a proposal please send it on to the Secretary and when we put it up for discussion we would like you to be present and give the members a detailed account and also answer any question so that more people will get to know and also get involved in anyway possible.

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**The Radio Society of Sri Lanka**  
**P.O. Box 907,**  
**Colombo.**

#### **JUNE - CONTEST INFO de NISHANTHA 4S7NI**

**SEANET Contest -- CW/SSB/Digital, 1200Z Jun 2-1200Z Jun 3.**

**Frequencies (MHz):** CW -- 160 meters, 3.525, 7.025, 14.025, 21.025, 28.025; SSB-- 7.090, 14.320, 21.320, 28.320. Logs due Jul 31 to e21eic@gmail.com.

**Look Around in the Field Contest -- CW/SSB from 1600Z-2200Z Jun 2. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Logs due Jun 16 to mikekopacki@verizon.net.**

#### **ARRL June**

**VHF QSO Party -- from 1800Z Jun 9-0300Z Jun 11 (see May QST, p102).**

**ANARTS WW RTTY/Digital Contest -- from 0000Z Jun 9-2400Z Jun 10. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Logs due Sep 1 to ctdavies@bigpond.net.au.**

**GACW WWSA CW DX Contest -- from 1500Z Jun 9-1500Z Jun 10. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Logs due Jul 15 to auranito@speedy.com.ar.**

**All-Asian DX Contest -- CW, from 0000Z Jun 16-2400Z Jun 17 (SSB --Sep 1-2). Frequencies: 160-10 meters (160 CW only), includes 10 minute band**

**change rule. Logs due Jul 31 (Oct 31 for phone) to aacw@jarl.or.jp (SSB logs to aaph@jarl.or.jp).**

**Spanish Islands Contest -- CW/SSB/RTTY, from 0600Z-1200Z Jun 17. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Logs due 60 days after the contest to ea5aen@ure.es.**

**Quebec QSO Party -- CW/Digital/Voice, from 1700Z Jun 23 - 0300Z Jun 24.**

**Frequencies: 80-2 meters, no repeater contacts. Logs due 60 days after the contest to qso-log@raqi.ca.**

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**E-Mail Newsletters: If you like to get the newsletter by e-mail please send me your address. If you like to get RSSL announcements only but not the newsletter, inform me as well. Its useful to be able to reach you via e-mail**

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