



# RSSL NEWS

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**The General Meeting for the Month October 2008 will be held on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2008. The venue is the Balcony Hall of the Otters Aquatic Club 380 / 1 Baudhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7. at 5.30 p.m. In future too the meetings will be held at this new venue. Its not far from the BMICH towards Bortella. Copn tinue towards the rear of the BMICH at the Wijerama Rd / Baudhaloka Mwta junction.**

**The Meetings for NOVEMBER As always the last Wednesday of the month if not otherwise notified. We have also made arrangements to provide tea, so come for the meeting and enjoy tea with us.**

## MONTHLY MEETINGS .

Please note that unless otherwise notified, monthly General Meetings will be held at Otters Aquatic Club 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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**AGM: The AGM saw very good participation and 45 staying on for the fellowship lunch.**

## Council of Management

The members of the council of management for the year 2008/2009 were elected at the AGM held on Sunday the 21st of September 2008 in the Balcony Hall of the Otters Aquatic Club 380 / 1 Baudhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7.

Patron Hon. Minister of communications.  
Vice Patron Secretary, Ministry of communications.

Director general of Telecommunication  
Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

President Mr.Dammika Fernando 4S7DF  
1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President Mr.Harendra Durghabakshi 4S7RD  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mr. K. K.G. Kulasekara 4S7KG  
Secretary Mr.G.V.A.Goonetilleke-4S7VK  
Treasurer Rodney Martenstyn - 4S7RM

Council Members elected at the AGM

- 1.Mr. Bharath Aponso 4S5BA
2. Mr Dimuthu Wickremasinghe 4S7DZ
3. Mr. Lesley Weerakkody 4S7WL
4. Mr.Nihal Canagasabay 4S7NZ
5. Mr. Ravi Sumithrarachchi 4S5RV
6. Mr.Kingdley Wimalawansa (Assoc. Mem.)
7. Mr. Upul Senannayake (Assoc. Mem.)

Auditor Gunasekara Ratnayake. & Company

**Following appointments were made by the RSSL council,**

Librarian Mr.Lesley Weerakkody 4S7WL  
Editor, IARU coordinator, and Disaster Operations Manager Mr.Victor Goonatilake - 4S7VK

QSL manager Mr.Uthpala Vithana - 4S7UV  
Awards manager: Mr.Earrest Amarasinghe - 4S7EA  
HFBeaconcoordinator:Mr.AsanthaIllesinghe - 4S7AK  
and Mr.Sirimevan Abeysinghe - 4S7SA  
Echo Link Coordinator:Mr.Rodney Martenstyn - 4S7RM  
Yatiantota Repeater coordinator: Mr.J.T.Wijeratne - 4S7VJ  
N'Eliya and Deniyaya repeater coordinator  
Mr. Vasantha Guruge - 4S7VG  
Colombo Repeater coordinator and RSSL shack custodian : Mr Bharath Aponso - 4S7BA

**JOTA 2008:** 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Jota was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October. It was a great success with nearly a thousand scouts and guides getting the opportunity to see amateur radio in action and also to enjoy themselves talking to other scouts and guides locally and internationally via the Echolink VHF and HF radio.. The RSSL Council of Management wishes to thank the many members who assisted in various ways to make the JOTA a possibility and a success. We are happy that there are members who go to the trouble of taking equipment and going away from the comfort of their homes to operate JOTA stations to give the youth of this country that opportunity of enjoying radio communications while learning about it. .

Stations were operated as follows.

**Colombo Scouts HQ.** Barath 4S5BA, Lesley 4S7WL  
**Girl Guides H.Q.;** Victor 4S7VK, Prarthana 4S7PL, Marlon 4S7MY,Dammika 4S7AP

**Licium Int School Nugegoda:** Hazren 4S7RD, Nihal 4S7NZ, Naren 4S7NC.

**Moratuwa/Piliyadala Scouts Camp Boralasgamuwa**  
Nishantha 4S7NI, Ravi 4S5RV,

**Ernest from his QTH** 4S7EA,  
**KANDY Scouts H.Q.** Dammika 4S7DF, Saratgh 4S7SK,  
**Ratnapura: Furgusson G.S.** Naomi 4S7NL, Wijay 4S7VJ,  
Uthpala 4S7UV, Sandeepani 4S7YL

**Sri Sumangala Panadura:** Lilantha 4S5NA

**D.S.Senasnayake College:** Dimuthu 4S7DZ

**Attampitiya Banadrawela:**Nat School: Chandra 4S7KG

**MATARA:** Mario 4S7SKR

Special word of thanks to Mr. Dharshana Rantaunge National JOTA coordinator of the Scouts Headquarters for a great job.

**73 and good luck till November: Editor 4S7VK.**

Articles/Information Needed: Your Newsletter is as good as you make it.

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