



# RSSL NEWS

**DEC-January 2009** THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF SRI LANKA

**The General Meeting for the Month of January will be held on Wednesday the 28th at 5.30 p.m. at Otters. The venue is the Balcony Hall of the Otter Aquatic Club 380 / 1 Baudhaloka Mawatha Colombo 7. It's not far from the BMICH towards Borella. at the Wijerama Rd / Baudhaloka Mawata junction.**

**The Meetings for February: 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 while talking Amateur Radio.**

### **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 can to contact any Council member if you need to verify the date of the meeting. 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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### **DEYATA KIRULA EXHIBITION FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK FEBRUARY 2009**

Members will be aware of this big Exhibition held every year in February. It draws almost a million people. A proposal was brought forward that the RSSL should take part in it to publicise Amateur Radio. We have discussed with the TRC to explore the possibility of being part of its exhibition pavilion. The main thing if we are to take part is the man-power to participate in it. It runs for almost a week and we need at least 10 people, The decision to take part will depend on the volunteers because it can not be done by one or two people. We will have to take a final decision at the 28<sup>th</sup> January monthly meeting. Please come over and give your views. There is very little time, but you need not worry about exhibits as all that is being taken care of. Your ideas naturally will be welcome, but the main requirements is helpers.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:** On behalf of the RSSL we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Ernie Perera 4S7EP a founder member and a former President on the loss of his son in law recently. We also sympathise with Mario de Silva 4S7SKR in Matara on the loss of his father.

### **RSGB Concessionary Membership(Radio Society of Great Britain)**

**The RSGB is offering Free membership to young Radio Amateurs. So if you are under 18 or still a student under 25 you can get a free membership and monthly RADCOM.**

The RSGB does offer certain categories special rates for membership of the Society. In all these categories we are unable to accept web applications but we are happy to accept written applications to download a form please click on the link below.

All our concessionary rates include full membership benefits with the

exception of Joint Family members who receive an single copy of Radcom for the household. Our current rates are as follows:

**Junior Ham Club - available to those under 21 years of age who hold an**

**amateur radio licence - Free**

**Student Member - available to anyone in full time education aged 21-25 who**

**hold an amateur radio licence - Free**

Joint Family Membership - two or more people residing at the same address -

£53.00

Over 65 Member - available to anyone over 65 years of age - £35.50

Please note that all applications for these rates must be supported by suitable proof of eligibility.

Click here to download an application form

**[http://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online\\_Catalogue\\_Join the RSGB 22.html](http://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online_Catalogue_Join_the_RSGB_22.html)**

### **SOLAR PANELS FOR SALE**

The following e-mail came from Dimuthu in response to my interest in checking up for Solar Panels. This might be of interest to our members..it certainly interests me! You might inquire from them.

**From:** SEEDS GTE LTD - SOLAR DIVISION [mailto:solar@seeds.lk]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008 4:41 PM

**To:** Dimuthu Wickramasinghe (NOD)

	<u>Australian</u>	-	<u>Indian</u>	
40 Watt panel	-	Rs. 18,400	-	Rs. 16,560
45 Watt panel	-	Rs. 20,700	-	Rs. 18,630
50 Watt panel	-	Rs. 23,000	-	Rs. 20,700
55 Watt panel	-	Rs. 25,300	-	Rs. 22,770
60 Watt panel	-	Rs. 27,600	-	Rs. 24,840
65 Watt panel	-	Rs. 29,900	-	Rs. 26,910
70 Watt panel	-	Rs. 32,200	-	Rs. 28,980
75 Watt panel	-	Rs. 34,500	-	Rs. 31,050

If you need further clarification please contact Ms. Roshini Rodrigo  
Alex Jayawardena  
Assist. Director Banking  
SEEDS

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY/CALL BOOK**

The latest Sri Lankan Amateur Radio Call book is under preparation and we hope to get it printed in the near future. The Call book will be made available to all members. If you would like us to include your e-mail address, or if you have changed QTH, let us know

### **RACISM- AND THE RSSL**

Not so long ago someone circulated an e-mail about a statement the Australian Prime Minister(sic ex P.M) is supposed to have made regarding Shariya Law and his views and Australian Society. It appeared that the sender of this e-mail is a well known member of the RSSL. This prompted a member to inquire politely whether the RSSL had anything to do with it, while another member some weeks later obviously on second-hand information sent a letter accusing the RSSL of being racist and wanting to resign. It is also learnt that he is asking some other members to resign accusing the RSSL of being racist. As Editor and Secretary I would like to categorically state that the RSSL has had nothing to do with any such thing and that what members do in their private capacity has no connection with the official activities of the RSSL. It will help all of us if people act with more maturity and a sense of responsibility. At the same time it might be in order to state that forwarding e-mails to others who have not agreed to receive such is a violation of the privacy act. The RSSL has made available a membership directory in the form of a call book which is purely for QSL purposes and private use and not for unauthorised use. Careless use of e-mails can cause great harm and it goes without saying that great care should be exercised before sending out e-mails. Some have the habit of using work place computers, which can cause great harm to their workplaces and their own position in the firm by the indiscriminate use of e-mail.

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**HF BAND CONDITIONS.** 4S7NI informs that 20m conditions show improvement these days. However local 40m morning ragchew are still suffering due to late opening of the bands. Arampath 4S7MA and Sarath 4S7MM have been trying out 3780 at 0200 and we invite others to join in.

**EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** A newly licensed member is looking for a reasonably priced HF transceiver for immediate purchase. In addition there are several new members who are looking for equipment. If you have any for sale, please contact ye Editor so that you could be put in touch with them.

### **REMINDER RSSL AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES**

Every Sunday classes are held in the club radio room/Shack at Haig Road, Bambalapitya between 8.30 and 1p.m. Only change is that you become a member of the RSSL. Please contact 4S7VJ and make arrangements to attend classes. Call him at Mobile: +94(0)777890406 Res: +94(0)11-2578447

NOTE: There was no Newsletter in December and General Meeting either. It is hoped to run a larger newsletter next month so your articles are welcome. I am holding some articles already received.

**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**

### **RSSL COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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