

SEANET'83

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Message from the President, Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society



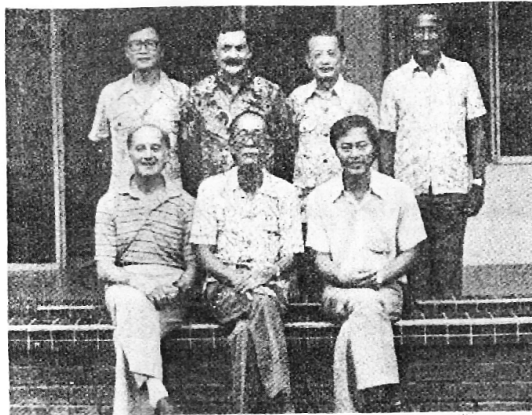
On behalf of the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society I bid you a very warm welcome to the Thirteenth SEANET Convention. Since the first Convention held in Penang in 1971, yearly participation has increased in number and we are happy to see again many familiar faces, not only from South-East Asia but also from other parts of the World.

Amateur radio is a fascinating hobby. Since its humble beginning at the turn of this century, well over a million people from all walks of life around the world have taken up this hobby. Irrespective of race, sex or creed we are joined together in an international community promoting science and encouraging friendship and goodwill. We learn more about the world we live in and foster closer ties, especially when we meet for what we term eyeball QSOs. What can be more fascinating than the opportunity to talk to a king, a general, a scientist, a business executive, a technician, a baker, a singer or a teacher either through informal communication from our very own radio station or when we meet one another at meetings, conventions, conferences, etc?

We look forward to an enjoyable time together at the 1983 Convention, and to the radio amateurs, xyls and yls from overseas we wish you a pleasant stay in Singapore.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Joseph Seah'.

Joseph Seah, 9V1NQ
President



**SINGAPORE AMATEUR RADIO
TRANSMITTING SOCIETY**

Council Members – 1983

Left to right:

Seated

Peter Carbutt, 9V1TL – Vice-President
Joseph Seah, 9V1NQ – President
Lim Tong Yong, 9V1LG – Hon. Secretary

Standing

Frank S. C. Aw, 9V1OK – Hon. Treasurer
Ted Philp, 9V1VM – Committee
Ong Huck Jin, 9V1RA – Committee
K.C. Selvadurai, 9V1UV – Committee

13TH SEANET CONVENTION

Organising Committee

Left to right:

Seated

Lee Geok Boi – Publicity
Aw It Haw, 9V1QM – Chairman
Peter Carbutt, 9V1TL – Vice-Chairman

Standing

Frank S. C. Aw, 9V1OK – Hon. Treasurer
Jeffrey Lim, 9V1QN – Committee
Ebbey Lucas, 9V1QG – Hon. Secretary
David Rankin, 9V1RH – Committee

Absent

K.C. Selvadurai, 9V1UV – Committee &
Asst. Hon. Secretary



SEANET CONVENTION

The first-ever get-together in Penang,
Malaysia in December 1971

SEANET — Its history

SOUTH-EAST ASIA NET — Seanet — is an informal group of radio amateurs who meet each evening at 1200 hours GMT on 14.320 MHz. The purpose of the Net is basically to foster camaraderie among radio amateurs in the region and around the world. The number of amateurs meeting on the Net may number up to 150 from all corners of the globe. Priority is given to South-East Asian amateurs who check into the Net first. Then comes amateurs from other parts of the world.

The Net Controller first deals with any emergency traffic, then amateurs check in as their countries are called in turn. The station also provides amateurs a means of testing their equipment and propagation conditions on the 20-metre band. Seanet first began in 1964.

The first eyeball QSO of Seanet took place in Penang in December 1971 when about 30 amateurs met. Present were the first Net Controller Paddy Gunasekera (4S7PB) of Sri Lanka and stalwarts "Big John" van Lear (9M2IR, 9V1OQ, HS1AIR), Ebbey Lucas (9V1QG) of Singapore and Eshee Razak (9M2FK) of Malaysia.

The second convention was held in Bangkok the following year and organised by the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand. The third convention was in 1973 and was organised by the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society. Thereafter the amateur radio societies of each of the Asean countries have taken turns to organise the annual eyeball QSOs. The fourth was in Manila, fifth in Kuala Lumpur, sixth in Jakarta, seventh in Bangkok, eighth in Singapore ninth in Penang, 10th in Manila, 11th in Yogyakarta, and again in Bangkok in 1982 which was attended by nearly 300 amateurs.

Programmes at the annual conventions are usually informal with the strengthening of ties of friendship having as much priority as discussions on new developments in communication systems, amateur radio and the needs of the amateur radio community.

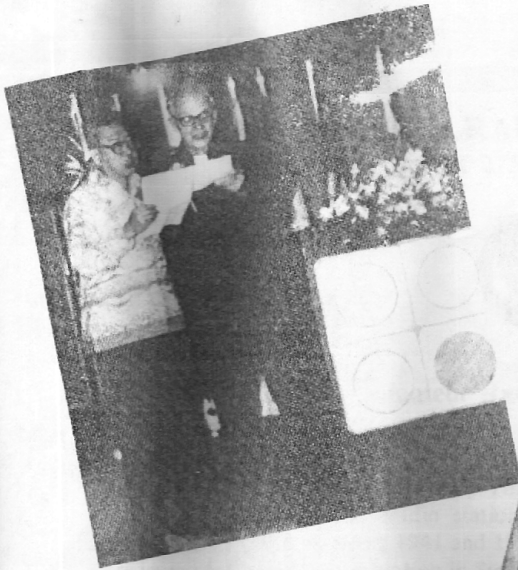
During the convention the Net Control Station is set up in the convention hotel. The station has a special call sign — in this case 9VØSEA — and amateurs who contact the station during this three-day period are issued a special QSL card.

From such humble beginnings in 1971, the annual convention has grown in popularity and participants come from as far as the US, Europe, Middle East, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and of course, from South-East Asia.

CHECKBACK

12th SEANET Convention, Bangkok

"The Inevitable Part"
 Nine N One Mickey Mouse in a song duet with the
 Queen Mary (9V1QM)
 Both are regular delegates to SEANET Conventions



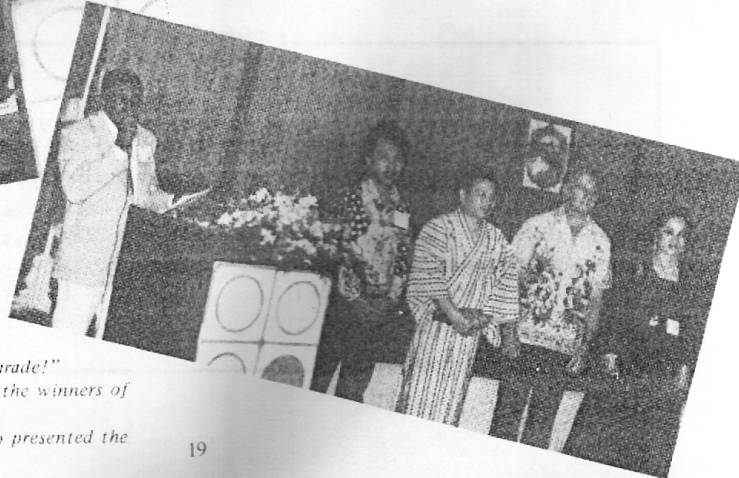
"Hi there"
 Dr. Gun Nagamati, HSING, President of R.A.S.T.
 greets Joe, 9VINQ.
 On right front is Wayne Green, W1NSD, Editor of
 73 magazine



"Can I sing a song?"
 Dave, 9V1RH, at the mike with Hans, HS1BG,
 listening



"We can now start the identification parade!"
 Malaysia's Esbee, 9M2FK, announces the winners of
 the 12th SEANET DX Contests.
 On the right is Mayuree, HS1YL, who presented the
 trophies



SINGAPORE AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

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Amateur Radio in Singapore

About 50 years ago, in the early Thirties, a very small group of radio enthusiasts had transmitted from their own radio stations in Singapore. With World War II all amateur radio activity ceased, between 1941 and 1945. In the late Forties a small number of licences were issued for ham radio operation in Singapore.

Up to about 1960, transmission of radio signals by ham operators were either on amplitude modulation (A.M.) or by continuous waves (C.W.) utilising the Morse code. Transmitters and receivers, utilising large electronic tubes were separate and bulky items of equipment. Many will recall the TCS transmitter, and the HRO and AR88 radio receivers. In the early Sixties ham operators rapidly replaced their equipment with the smaller-sized transistorised transceivers when single sideband became the mode of operation.

The Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (M.A.R.T.S.) had for many years after World War II looked after the interests of the small group of less than 30 radio hams in Singapore. It was the usual practice to hold monthly meetings of the Council on the 40-metre band as most members were living apart in different parts of Malaysia and Singapore.

A separate radio society, the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (S.A.R.T.S.) was registered in Singapore on 28 August 1969 with a membership of 27. Livin de Souza, 9VIJG (Silent key), was elected the first President of the Society. With 1983 the Singapore Society is 14 years old.

Presidents

1970 Livin de Souza, 9VIJG (Silent key)	1977 Tan Lian Huat, 9V1OD
1971 Joseph Seah, 9VINQ	1978 Tan Lian Huat, 9V1OD
1972 Joseph Seah, 9VINQ	1979 Ong Huck Jin, 9V1RA
1973 Ebenezer Lucas, 9V1QG	1980 Ong Huck Jin, 9V1RA
1974 Ebenezer Lucas, 9V1QG	1981 Ong Huck Jin, 9V1RA
1975 Frank S. C. Aw, 9V1OK	1982 Joseph Seah, 9VINQ
1976 Frank S. C. Aw, 9V1OK	1983 Joseph Seah, 9VINQ

SINGAPORE CALLBOOK

9V1AB	Lim Yew Yin	9V1TO	Chan Kok Soo
9V1CF	Lee Choy Fook	9V1TV	R.A. Loy
9V1ED	Paul Lim	9V1UB	Dr. Carlos A. Pezzoni
9V1JY	N. Yatheendran	9V1UD	James T. K. Tan
9V1LG	Lim Tong Yong	9V1UG	Duncan McNaughton Fisker
9V1NQ	Joseph Seah	9V1US	Al Daugherty
9V1NR	Dr. J. Charan Singh	9V1UU	Takehisa Sato
9V1NS	Chen Hing Jee	9V1UV	K. C. Selvadurai
9V1OD	Tan Lian Huat	9V1UW	Kok Kum Meng
9V1OF	Kok Leng Chong	9V1UZ	Takeshi Kumagai
9V1OK	Frank S.C. Aw	9V1VA	Chan Poh Yee
9V1QG	Ebenezer Lucas	9V1VB	Dan Holloway
9V1QM	Aw It Haw	9V1VC	Warren Gough
9V1QN	Jeffrey Lim Khek Chiew	9V1VD	Goh Keang Wang
9V1QV	Tan Yew Seng	9V1VG	Rob Arnauts
9V1RA	Ong Huck Jin	9V1VH	G.W. Hughes
9V1RD	Henry Woo Sung Hin	9V1VI	Jerry Sirley
9V1RH	David H. Rankin	9V1VM	Ted Philp
9V1RP	Ng Soon Kim	9V1VN	Fong Ah Meng
9V1SA	Foong Chee Meng, Vincent	9V1VP	Bob Furzer
9V1SI	James L. Gauntt, Jr.	9V1VQ	Wally Hirayama
9V1SK	Han Ah Juan	9V1VS	T. K. Jayaram
9V1SS	Dan Nelson	9V1VU	Lai Kok Leong
9V1SW	Ed. A. Sergeant	9V1VV	SCHOOL OF SIGNALS
9V1SX	Chee Phuy Kit	9V1VW	Yoshitaka Miyaguchi
9V1TA	TELECENTRE	9V1VX	Carl Ian Noel Thompson
9V1TB	Sim Hee Lye	9V1VY	William Steve Bassham
9V1TK	Etsuo Tanaka	9V1WC	Henner Hofman & Brigitte Hofman
9V1TZ	Peter Carbutt		