

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 16th of April 2024

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Etienne ZS6ZA, with the weekly news bulletin of the Kempton Park Amateur Radio Technical Society.

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Welcome to everyone on frequency. Please stay tuned for some interesting SARL and Club news items.

SARL NEWS:

SILENT KEY:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Dr Arie Wessels, ZS6UY went silent on the 12th of April 2024. Arie passed the RAE exam back in 1979 and was a SARL member. Arie was still involved in training new perspective radio enthusiasts to pass the RAE at the old ZS6TJ clubhouse. We extend our sincere condolences to his brother Andre, his family, and many friends.

THE 2024 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

On Friday evening 19 April, between 17:00 and 19:00 CAT, the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre is ready to welcome delegates to the 2024 SARL National Convention at the Garden Court Hotel, Nelson Mandela Boulevard.

The 2024 SARL AGM will start at 09:00 CAT on Saturday 20 April at the Hotel Conference Centre. The meeting will be face-to-face with non-interactive streaming of the proceedings. You can still register to attend the AGM or the streaming of the AGM. Both links are available on the front page of the League website. If you cannot attend the AGM or make use of the streaming option, please submit your proxy vote by 08:00 CAT on Saturday 20 April to secretary@sarl.org.za. Voting on the various motions will take place during the meeting.

The afternoon is leisure time and a shuttle bus has been arranged to take delegates to the Victoria and Albert Waterfront, or you can visit the CTARC Clubhouse or go up Table Mountain to activate SOTA ZS/WC-043 and Table Mountain National Park (ZSFF-0017). Saturday evening is the Gala Awards Dinner with arrival at 18:30 for 19:00. This year it will be a three-course buffet dinner with tea and coffee included. The dress is smart casual. The various awards will be handed out between the main course and dessert. Dinner bookings closed on Friday 12 April.

Please travel safely to Cape Town and we look forward to a wonderful weekend.

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VOTING FOR THE SARL AFS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2023

Members are requested to vote on the SARL Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2023. The SARL Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 were published on the SARL web site on 11 March 2024. A SARL Communication was e-mailed to all Members on 11 March 2024 and a news item was published in SARL News for Sunday 17 March 2024.

The voting page is open, follow the link on the front page of the League website enter your call sign and password and press enter. Read the instructions on the page and cast your vote in favour, against or abstention. After completing the process, the system will send you a confirmation e-mail. The voting closes at 23:59 CAT on Friday 19 April 2024.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently five sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class solar flares and a moderate probability for M-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 106. The 10 to 30 m bands may, especially in the late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. For more information, please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

18 April – World Amateur Radio Day
19 April – The May RAE registration closes
19 to 21 April – The SARL National Convention
24 April – The Sandton ARC Power Hour Tech Talk
25 April – Marconi Day

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY 2024:

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) is celebrated each year on 18 April. The theme for 2024 is, "A Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation, Community, and Advocacy." The global event covers all the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) regions and spans 2 days, from 00:00 UTC on Thursday 18 April to 23:59 UTC on Friday 19 April 2024. On Saturday 18 April 1925, the IARU was formed in Paris and will celebrate its centenary in 2025. On Wednesday 20 May 1925, the SARRL was formed.

All radio amateurs are invited to take to the airwaves to enjoy the global friendship with other amateurs and to show their skills and capabilities to the public. WARD is not a contest but an opportunity to talk about the value of amateur radio with the public and fellow amateur colleagues. It is also a great opportunity to talk about local radio clubs and amateur radio in local media. You can also promote your personal WARD activities on social media platforms like X and Facebook by using the hashtag #WorldAmateurRadioDay.

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CLUB NEWS:

Etienne ZS6ZA, to give feedback on the April club meeting and update on HF happenings:

Call Pieter ZS6PJE, Technical Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

No birthdays and anniversaries on our list for the week.

If we have missed out on your big day, please contact any committee member to update our records.

ADDITIONAL NEWS:

If there is anyone who would like to share any additional or any specific club news with the listeners, you are welcome to call in now.

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SWOP SHOP:

This is your opportunity to advertise a swop, or any amateur equipment for sale.

Please note that NO prices are to be quoted on air. Only a description of the items and your contact details must be provided.

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That brings us to the end of tonight's bulletin.

You have listened to the weekly news bulletin of the Kempton Park Amateur Radio Technical Society, compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB and read by Etienne ZS6ZA.

Thank you for having listened!