

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 4th of February 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Alvin ZS6ASK, 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 Rachel de Bruyn, ZR6RDB, went silent on the 18th of January 2025 after a long sick bed. Rachel was the mother of Johan de Bruyn, ZS6JHB, and a member of the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club with her husband Hannes de Bruyn, ZS6BD. Rachel and Hannes, along with Tinus, ZS6TL and Hilda Lange, ZS6HL were actively involved with major motor rallies such as Castrol, Total and Sasol. Johan, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

THE FEBRUARY 2025 ISSUE OF RADIO ZS:

The February 2025 issue of Radio ZS was uploaded to the League website on Tuesday 28 January. Mark, ZS6MDX takes us birdwatching – pictures from space, and Henry, ZS1AAX talks about quartz crystals and oscillators. We look at the Mini Horse Antenna, solutions for winding toroids, and impedance performance of an 80-Metre EFHW Antenna. Read more about a flexible telemetry reporter for remote amateur radio stations and repeaters, and a reconfigurable station component switching unit. We go into space with PY0AEB and visit the DU0A contest station project in the Philippines.

SARL AWARDS AND MOTIONS FOR THE AGM:

The closing date was midnight on Friday 31 January. Thank you to the Clubs and individuals who submitted nominations for the various awards. Only two nominations were received for the various VHF/UHF awards.

No motions or points for discussion were received by the closing date. In terms of Rule 11.4, the 2025 SARL National Convention Booklet, containing the AGM information, will be available from Wednesday 16 April 2025.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 9 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a low 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 145. The 10 to 20 m bands may, especially in the late afternoon and early

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evening, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

9 February – The HamSat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party

11 February – International Day of Women and Girls in Science

13 February – World Radio Day

MEGA FLEA MARKET:

The Pretoria ARC extends an invitation to all Radio Clubs in South Africa to participate in the Mega Flea Market on Saturday 17 May at the Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre in Eldoraigine, Centurion. Contact Almero du Pisani, ZS6LDP on e-mail almerodps@gmail.com to arrange for your Club's participation.

CLUB NEWS:

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 8th of February 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for February on Saturday the 8th of February 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

Need as many members as possible to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. If anybody is busy with a project or has just completed a project, please bring it along and do a bit of show-and-tell.

As usual and if we have enough members that are interested, we will end the meeting with the traditional bring and braai, so make sure you bring something to enjoy afterwards. We will have some cold drinks in the cooler box, so make sure to bring some cash to feed the green monster!!! See you all there!

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

Please remember to renew your membership. Could ALL members fill in the form (honorary members as well). We need to update our records. Communication and forms was sent out last week regarding this.

Note: Our Club Constitution

"b. All subscriptions shall be due and payable in advance at the beginning of the Club's financial year, being 1 January. The final date for subscription renewal payment will be the last day of February.

c. A member whose subscription is in arrear shall not have the right to vote until arrears have been paid.

d. A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club if, by the last day of February, his subscription renewal fee has not been paid. No membership applications shall be considered as from 1 March until after the AGM."

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As per the January club meeting feedback the fees for 2025 is as follows:

Full Member Renewal **R400**

Senior Member (age 65+) Renewal **R240**

2nd same household Family Member **R200**

3rd and more same household Family Members **Gratis**

Student Member (scholar or college\university) **R200**

New Membership or re-activation or RAE candidate **R600**

New Senior Member Application or re-activation (65+) **R360**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have no names on our list for the week.

If we have missed 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, read by Alvin ZS6ASK and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!