

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 18th of February 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Stephen ZS6SKY, 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 KEYS:

It is with deep regret that the Sasolburg ARC must announce that the key of Koos de Leeuw, ZS6KDL went silent on Saturday 8 February 2025 at the age of 73. He was well-loved in the club and was awarded the Jack Twine Award and won various club trophies. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Lientjie, his sons Japie, ZS6JDL, Hansie, his daughter Pikkie and seven grandchildren and friends.

2025 YOTA SUMMER CAMP:

It is with pleasure that we announce the 2025 YOTA Summer Camp, which will be hosted by REF, the IARU member society in France. The event itself will be held from 18 to 25 August 2025 in the town of Jambville, about 50 kilometres to the north west of Paris in the heart of the Vexin national park. Member Societies have until 28 February to register their participation. If you are between 16 and 25 and would like to represent the SARL at the Summer Camp, contact Guy, ZS6GUY at e-mail guyeales.ge@gmail.com. A team consists of three members.

THE 2025 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Have you contacted the Pretoria ARC about reserving a space at the Mega Flea Market on Saturday 17 May 2025 at the Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre? Your club can take part in the flea market, or as a vendor, you can display your stock. What about SOTA, POTA, IOTA, HOTA, CWers, BACAR, YLs, ARDF, AMSAT SA and other interest groups – why not have a stand promoting your activities? Clubs are invited to setup a club stand. Contact Almero du Pisani, ZS6LDP on e-mail almerodps@gmail.com to arrange for your Club's participation.

More information about the National Convention will be published in SARL News next Sunday.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 8 sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class 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 114. The 10 to 20 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoon and early evening.

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Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

19 February – The SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
21 February – Armed Forces Day and Mother Language Day
22 February – SS Mendi Day
26 February – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
27 February – the International Milk Tart Day

CLUB NEWS:

MARCH CLUB MEETING AND AGM:

Please save the date 8th of March 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting and AGM on Saturday the 8th of March 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. Communication in this regard was send out on Friday the 14th of February to all members.

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 send 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.”

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**

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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 Stephen ZS6SKY and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!