

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 11th of February 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Corrie ZS6CDB, 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 we must announce that the key of Kleingert Horn, ZS6HRN, fell silent on Thursday evening 6 February 2025 at the age of 78 years. He is survived by three children, Gerrie, Anina and Paul, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Kleingert was a CBer and received his radio amateur license in 2013. He was a member of the Magalies Radio Amateur Club and was also the social representative on the committee for years. We will always remember his service at the clubhouse, the cleaning and standing by at all the events. But we think most people will remember him for the weekend camps at Kleinfontein for his arrangements with the food, the campsites and the braai fires. We will also miss Jessica, his goddaughter who no longer has a grandfather to help her with the radios and target shooting. Jessica, Paul, Anina and Gerrie, may you experience our Heavenly Father's comfort and love in Christ during this time.

It is with deep regret that the Cape Town ARC must announce that the key of Dr Michael Howell, ZS1PE went silent on Saturday 1 February 2025. Mike, an anaesthetist by profession, was an Honorary Life Member of the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre. We extend our deepest condolences to his XYL Pat and his two sons

WHY RADIO AMATEURS SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ESCALATING LEVELS OF RF NOISE

This is one of the leading discussions during the SARL Centenary Technical Symposium on 22 March 2025. In fact, it should not only be radio amateurs that should be concerned but any person or organisation that is reliant on the radio spectrum. If climate change is such a serious problem, pollution of the RF spectrum is following close on its heels.

The DARC (the German national amateur radio society) has taken the problem seriously and has developed a monitoring system with over fifty monitoring point across Germany. The system is called ENAMS, the acronym for Electrical Noise Area Measurement System. The DARC team has developed an updated version, ENAMS 2. The SARL is privileged to have one of the senior engineers on the ENAMS team, Andreas Lock, DG8AL to be present at the Centenary Technical symposium. Follow SARL news weekly with updates on other interesting speakers and topics to be presented.

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The symposium will include a brief review of the exceptional contributions that South African Radio Amateurs have made to technology and the opportunities for technological innovation taking amateur radio forward.

Registration is now open for the SARL Centenary Technical Symposium (SCTS) which will take place from 09:00 - 15:00 CAT (07:00 - 13:00 UTC) on Saturday 22 March 2025. The theme of the Symposium is "100 years of technology in Amateur Radio - the foundation for continuous innovation."

To encourage as many as possible radio amateurs and technology enthusiasts in South Africa and beyond our borders to participate in the event, it will be held virtually and hosted on the Webex video platform. You can now secure your place by registering. Visit www.sarl.org.za and click on the register link on the symposium advertisement on the right side of the home page.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently ten sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C- and M-class and a low to moderate probability for X-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 136. The 10 to 20 m bands may, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

11 February – International Day of Women and Girls in Science
13 February – World Radio Day
14 February – Valentine's 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:

Call Anton ZS6WG, to give feedback of the February club meeting

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.

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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**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday and one anniversary on our list for the week. On Thursday the 12th it’s the birthday of Cyra YL of Peet and on Saturday the 15th it’s the anniversary of Barry ZS6Oy and his XYL Jenny. Congratulations from all of us hope you have a great day and year ahead.

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.

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Thank you for having listened!