

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 28th of January 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Anton ZS6WG, 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:

SECURE YOUR PLACE AT THE SARL CENTENARY TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM:

Registration is now open for the SARL Centenary Technical Symposium (SCTS) which will take place from 09:00 - 15:00 (07:00 - 13:00 UTC) on Saturday 22 March 2025. To encourage as many radio amateurs and technology enthusiasts in South Africa and beyond our borders as possible to participate in the event, it will be virtual and hosted on the Webex video platform.

The theme of the Symposium is "100 years of Technology in Amateur Radio - the foundation for continuous innovation."

Proposals for papers and presentations are now called for. Science and technology are synonymous with Amateur Radio as, without it, it would have long ago been forgotten about or even failed to continue to exist. The world is one huge explosion of technology and the science behind it. Let's show off ours in the SARL Centenary Technical Symposium. Submit a summary by midnight on Friday 31 January 2025 to e-mail address sarl100symposium@amateurradio.org.za. Papers should be based on a 20-minute presentation time and a 10-minute discussion time. Both the full text for publication and PowerPoint slides for presentation should be submitted.

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

SEVEN DAYS FOR YOU TO SUBMIT AN AWARD NOMINATION OR A MOTION:

The closing date for award nominations, motions and points for discussion is midnight on Friday 31 January 2025. No Late submissions will be accepted.

In terms of Rule 11.3, the SARL Secretary invites members to submit motions for discussion at the 2025 SARL AGM.

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In terms of Rule 11.3.1, the SARL Secretary invites members to submit discussion points for the 2025 SARL AGM.

Very few award nominations have been received - one nomination for the Koos and Annie vd Merwe award, one nomination for the Jack Twine award; a nomination for the SARL Hamnet Shield and three articles in Radio ZS for the Tinus Lange award.

The award nominations, motion and discussion point documents are available at www.sarl.org.za/members/agm/AGMMembers.asp. PLEASE collect all the signatures on ONE document, convert the document to PDF and submit it to the SARL Secretary by midnight on Friday 31 January 2025 and only use secretary@sarl.org.za

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 to 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 156. The 10 to 20 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoon and early evening. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

29 January – The Sandton Power Hour Technical Talk

31 January – The closing date for AGM Motions and Award Nominations and for summaries of Papers for the SCTS. The May RAE registration opens

2 February – World Wetlands Day and the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day

SANDTON POWER HOUR TECHNICAL TALK:

The last call and final reminder. Join us for the first Power Hour Tech Talk of 2025 this Wednesday 29 January at 19:00 CAT. Special guest Phillip, ZS6FY will discuss whether life is too short for QRP, sharing insights from basic principles to contest-winning tips. The Zoom details are Meeting ID is 883 6142 2628 and the passcode is 319 150. The Power Hour is open to all, so spread the word and tune in for an engaging session with Phillip, ZS6FY on 29 January at 19:00 CAT. Visit the SARL upcoming events diary for more details.

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.

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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.

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**

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 Anton ZS6WG and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!