

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 21st of January 2024.

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:

SARL AND ICASA MEET:

On Monday 13 January 2025, Senior Executives and Managers of ICASA met with a delegation of the SARL lead by Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV, supported by President Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL; Vice-president Guy Eales, ZS6GUY and the Deputy National Director SARL Hamnet Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ. Although it was expected to be an in-person meeting, the meeting was held on the Teams platform as some of the participants were still on leave but could join the meeting from home.

There were eleven issues on the four page agenda. The recently appointed senior manager Riaan van der Colff, heading up the Spectrum Licensing Department at ICASA, will head-up a workgroup with the relevant ICASA officials and SARL representatives to develop a new Memorandum of Understanding to replace the current outdated MOU. He told the meeting that he had been studying the current MOU and was updating it. He welcomed the new draft that the SARL Science and Technology workgroup had developed. The ICASA/SARL workgroup will meet before the end of February at a date still to be finalised. Other items to be discussed will be the taking over of the Amateur Radio license administration, updating the CEPT agreement conditions and special licences for contesters.

Another important item on the agenda was type approval. Senior Manager Type Approval and Numbering, Siyanda Nkamisa apologized for the long delay in finalising the regulations. He said that it is a complex issue with several other government entities involved. They are currently finalising the last few sticking points with the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS). Mr Nkamisa expects the process to be completed in the next few months.

In future SARL News editions we will unpack some of the agenda items in more detail.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 6 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 160. The 10 to 20 m bands may, especially in the late

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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:

24 January – Closing date for QRP logs

25 January – The SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest

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

SANDTON POWER HOUR TECHNICAL TALK:

What are you doing at 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 29 January? Not sure yet, well here is an opportunity not to be missed, the first Power Hour Tech Talk of 2025. Our live via Zoom special guest will be Phillip, ZS6FY. Phillip was the initiator of the Wacky 1-Watt challenge, is also the reigning winner of the 2024 QRP contest series and a very experienced QRP Radio Operator.

Phillip will be joining us to share his journey in the world of QRP radio, from basic principles to contest-winning tips. This talk will introduce you to his way of playing QRP radio with valuable insights for beginners and more experienced operators alike.

Diarise 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 29 January now and please join us for what is bound to be a very interesting talk on operating QRP radio and antennas. See the SARL upcoming events diary for further 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.

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.

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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 three birthdays on our list for the week. Today it's the birthday of Francois son of Tienie ZS6MHH and tomorrow it's the birthday of Rene YL of Johan ZR6JT and on Friday the 24th it's the birthday of Coriene XYL Connie ZS6CGV. 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.

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

Thank you for having listened!