

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 14th of January 2024.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Johan ZR6JT, 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:

RAE CLASSES:

The Sandton Amateur Radio Club will start its virtual RAE classes in January. These online classes take place on weekday evenings and are open to all RAE students, irrespective of their physical location or club affiliation. This may assist those for whom no other classes are readily available.

ZS6STN also arranges a mock RAE exam, in-person HF assessments and antenna builds within the Northern Johannesburg area to prepare students, however, if students cannot attend these in-person events, we ask their own clubs or close-by assessors to assist with their HF assessments

Experienced RAE instructors conduct the virtual classes and all those interested are most welcome to e-mail rae@zs6stn.org.za, I repeat, rae@zs6stn.org.za for further information or to get onboard.

PROPAGATION REPORT: Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 12 sunspot regions with simple to 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 104. The 10 to 20 m bands will, 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:

15 January – The Provincial Schools open

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

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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.

CLUB NEWS:

Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Anton ZS6WG, to give feedback of the January 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 will be send out tomorrow 15 January 2025

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 two birthdays on our list for the week. On Thursday the 16th it's the birthday of Johan ZR6JT and on Sunday the 19th it's the birthday of John ZS6LS. 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, compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB and read by Johan ZR6JT.

Thank you for having listened!