

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 7th of January 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Alvin ZS6ASK, 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 KEY:

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Chris Pretorius, ZS1FC on Friday 3 January. He was a valued member of the amateur community and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

PAUSE

THE ZS100SARL CALL SIGN:

Would you like to operate ZS100SARL during 2025? Well, the application form to do so is available from the link on the front page of the SARL website.

The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party and the CQ DX Marathon started at 00:01 UTC on Wednesday 1 January 2025. Get all the information at <https://dxmarathon.com/>

THE JANUARY 2025 RADIO ZS:

The 104-page January 2025 issue of Radio ZS is available from the League website at www.sarl.org.za, by clicking on Publications in the lefthand menu and then Radio ZS Downloads.

Find out about the 2025 SARL National Convention and the IARU celebrating 100 Years. You can work all the Belgian provinces for the WABP award, have worldwide fun with 100 W and a dipole and build a Maria Maluca antenna. How does a radio amateur keep himself busy after retirement? We look at the StationMaster logbook programme and we visit the Grimeton Radio Station. Read two of the winning essays from the Intrepid-DX Group's fifth annual Youth "Dream Rig" essay contest, read about human electricity in the Museum Column, and visit Cape Vidal lighthouse. And more!

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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 slightly 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 149. The 10 to 20 m bands will 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:

8 January – The Office at the NARC opens

15 January – the Provincial Schools open

CLUB NEWS:

JANUARY CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 11th of January 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for January on Saturday the 11th of January 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

Need as many members as possible to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. If anybody is busy with a project or has just completed a project, please bring it along and do a bit of show-and-tell.

As usual and if we have enough members that are interested, we will end the meeting with the traditional bring and braai, so make sure you bring something to enjoy afterwards. We will have some cold drinks in the cooler box, so make sure to bring some cash to feed the green monster!!! See you all there!

Call Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday and one anniversary on our list. On the 11th it's the birthday of Anna-Marie XYL of Tienie ZS6MHH. On the 13th it's the anniversary of Stephen ZS6SKY and his XYL Elaine. 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 Alvin ZS6ASK.

Thank you for having listened!