

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 9th 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:

SARL AGM 2024 - PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN A THREE-QUESTION SURVEY.

The SARL Annual General Meeting and Awards Dinner will take place in Cape Town on the weekend of 19 to 21 April 2024, hosted by the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre (CTARC). To assist the planning committee in getting an idea of the size of the venue required and to assist with catering planning, please participate in a three-question survey on the SARL voting system. Log on to the SARL voting system at www.sarl.org.za/Web3/ElectronicVoting/Default.aspx or follow the link on the SARL home page. There is an information document on how to answer the questions, please read it prior to answering the three questions.

The closing date for the survey is midnight on Friday 12 January 2024. Registration for the event will open directly after the poll. Your participation in the survey will be much appreciated. Only with your assistance, will the team be able to create a superb event.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently seven 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 81. The 10 to 30 m bands will, especially in the early morning and late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SARL AWARDS AND AGM MOTIONS:

Members are once again reminded that the closing date for SARL award nominations and motions for the 2024 AGM is 23:59 CAT on Wednesday 31 January 2024. This date has been published in the 2024 SARL Diary of Events. Send your nominations and motions to secretary@sarl.org.za.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

12 January – closing date for the AGM survey
15 January – the NARC reopens
17 January – the Provincial schools reopen
20 January – the Sandton ARC Fox Hunting session

CLUB NEWS:

JANUARY CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for January this coming Saturday 13 January 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

We need to plan our club activities for 2024, so please come prepared with some suggestions and ideas of things to do in order for us to enjoy our hobby together.

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!!!

It would be great to see as many members and visitors as possible.

See you all there

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.

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.”

Good news. You have several options to complete your membership form.

Option 1 – Fill in attached pdf by clicking in the different fields and submit by clicking on SUBMIT button. (PC option)(<https://get.adobe.com/reader/> click on link to download Acrobat reader for free if you don’t have it on your PC.)

Option 2 – Print or fill out form in MS Word (see attached Word document) , Scan the signed document and return via email (or hand it to me at the next club meeting).

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Option 3 - Press Ctrl + click on link to open

<https://forms.zohopublic.com/karts/form/KARTSMembershipApplicationRenewal/formperma/mUV6SiNQimYc3wuwhrCsd12TuNyskw5eQG0vTHAUlgk>

Option 4 - Scan the QR code with your phone to open form on your phone.

Call Pieter ZS6PJE, Technical Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

Call Etienne ZS6ZA, for an update on HF happenings:

Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday and one anniversary on our list for the week. First up is the birthday of Anna-Marie XYL of Tienie ZS6MHH on the 11th. Then on the 14th it's the anniversary of Morne ZR6MG and his XYL Tamsin. Congratulations from all of us hope you have a great day and year ahead.

If we have missed out on 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!