

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 30th 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:

THE 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre (CTARC) will be hosting the 2024 SARL National Convention at the Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard, corner of Melbourne and Coronation Roads in Cape Town. There will be a welcoming cheese and wine function in the hotel pub area from 17:00 to 19:00 on Friday evening 19 April.

From 09:00 to 13:00 CAT on Saturday 20 April, the Annual General Meeting will be held in the conference room at the hotel. Tea and coffee will be served. The Annual General Meeting will be a face-to-face meeting with streaming. Lunch will be for your own arrangements.

Saturday afternoon will be at leisure and a shuttle bus has been arranged to take delegates and/, partners, significant others, etc., to the V&A Waterfront. There will be a small charge for this. The CTARC Clubhouse will be open that afternoon from 14:00 until 16:00 for any delegates who wish to visit the CTARC clubhouse in Rondebosch. ZS1TK's 'RF Café' will be open for refreshments. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

Saturday evening is the Gala Awards Dinner. Arrival at 18:30 for 19:00. This year it will be a three-course buffet dinner with tea and coffee included. The dress is smart casual. Sunday morning, 21 April, the out-of-town delegates will prepare to head home after breakfast.

Council is preparing a SARL Communication with all the details which will be sent out in the week. See you in Cape Town in April!

THE FEBRUARY 2024 RADIO ZS:

The February 2024 issue of Radio ZS will be available for download from the League website from Monday 29 January, the Editor is finalising the issue. Read about the 2024 SARL National Convention and the Mpumalanga Escarpment 5-Peak SOTA Expedition. Chris, ZS6EZ tells us about his expedition to the Balkan countries and Eva, HB9FPM tells us about Marconi 122 - Celebrating 122 years of Radio. We look at an easy, inexpensive voice keyer, building a QRP Arc transmitter, a folded dipole, the G4HOL Loop Antenna and starting your junk box. In the Museum Piece, we look at "Knitting CW" and there is a South African connection, also FT8 Visualised and for the VHFers - there's Line-of-Sight and Not Quite

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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 five 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 98. 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

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

31 January – The closing date for AGM motions and award nominations and the registration for the May RAE opens.

13 February – World Radio Day

14 February – Valentine's Day

CLUB NEWS:

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 10 February 2024. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for February on Saturday 10th of February 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

See you all there!!!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

With KARTS nearing our financial year end in December you stand to renew your membership. Please note it is only due from the 1st of January 2024. This is just a reminder. 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 Etienne ZS6ZA, for an update on HF happenings:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one anniversary on our list for the week on 2nd of February it's the anniversary of Alvin ZS6ASK and his XYL Zonika

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 and read by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!