

## ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 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:**

#### **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. The accommodation at the Hotel costs R1 500 per room per night and includes breakfast - it is a double room. Bookings must be made by contacting Miranda at Reservations on 021 448 4123 and tell her you are booking a room for the SARL Conference. This will ensure you pay the special conference price.

There will be a welcoming cheese and wine function, hosted by CTARC 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. The cost for the Awards Dinner is R300 per person and bookings must be made with Kelley at the NARC at [admin@sarl.org.za](mailto:admin@sarl.org.za). Pay your Dinner fee into the SARL Bank Account and include the proof of payment with your booking.

Register for the SARL National Convention at <https://forms.gle/iFMfeRUESfwx8y3N9>. See you in Cape Town in April!!!

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### **ZS85VDAM:**

The Sasolburg ARC s operating ZS85VDAM from 1 December to 1 April 2024 to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the opening of the Vaal Dam. The call sign will be active on HF and VHF+ using various modes. There is a special QSL Card available - send your QSL card to the Sasolburg ARC to receive the ZS85VDAM QSL Card.

### **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 slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and 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 85. The 10 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the early morning and late afternoon. Please visit the website [spaceweather.sansa.org.za](http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za) for further information.

### **DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:**

13 February – The World Radio Day

14 February – Valentine's Day

### **CLUB NEWS:**

#### **FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING:**

We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for February this coming Saturday 10 February 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

We will conclude our club activities for 2024. 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!!!

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.

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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).

**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:**

No birthdays and anniversaries on our list for the week.

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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## **ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN**

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!