

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 20th 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:

SILENT KEYS:

It is with deep regret that we must announce that the keys of Jo Snyders, ZS5PO; Geoff Tinker, ZS1LM; Ben Rademeyer, ZS1RL and Neilen van Breda, ZS6NG have gone silent.

When last was heard from Jo Snyders, he was in hospital undergoing tests and passed away on 29 January 2024. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Geoff Tinker passed away on Sunday 11 February 2024. Geoff served on the SARL Council in the 1980's as well as being the Chairman of the erstwhile Cape Town branch of the SARL. He was particularly involved in the establishment of the now CTARC clubhouse in Rondebosch and made a very significant contribution to amateur radio in Cape Town.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Lynette, two daughters and a son and their families.

Ben Rademeyer passed away on 6 February 2024. We extend our condolences to his wife Beatie, children and family.

Neilen van Breda passed away on Tuesday 13 February 2024. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THE 2024 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Members are reminded and encouraged to register for the 2024 SARL National Convention at <https://forms.gle/iFMfeRUESfwx8y3N9>. To date 20 members have registered - 8 from ZS1, 1 from ZS2, 2 from ZS4 and 9 from ZS6. We need to know the numbers attending for catering purposes - on Friday evening 19 April, the CTARC are hosting a welcoming function at the Garden Court Hotel. Tea and coffee will be provided at the SARL AGM, but we need to tell the hotel how many will be attending the awards dinner on Saturday 20 April. We extend an invitation to the radio dealers to exhibit at the AGM venue - please contact the SARL Secretary

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if you are interested. We are 332 short of beating the attendance record set at the Pretoria AGM. See you in Cape Town in April!

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE HAMSCI SIXTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP IS 1 MARCH:

The Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation workshop will be held on 22 and 23 March 2024 at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. The event is meant to bring together the amateur radio community and professional scientists. The 2024 workshop's theme is Alignments, specifically those between the sun, moon, and Earth; collegiate amateur radio recreation and science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) curricula; data collection and analysis, and professional and citizen science. Workshop participants will prepare for the solar eclipse taking place on 8 April 2024, which will be seen in totality from Cleveland. For registration and additional information about the event, visit <https://hamsci.org/hamsci2024>.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently ten sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for both C and M-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 121. 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:

21 February – Armed Forces Day (Sinking of the SS Mendi)
27 February – International Milk Tart Day
28 February – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
8 March – International Woman's Day

CLUB NEWS:

MARCH CLUB MEETING & AGM:

Notification of the AGM went out last week. The AGM will be held on Saturday 9th of March 2024 at the QTH of Etienne ZS6ZA full details as per the AGM notification. All paid up members are invited to attend. We will also be competing in the SARL National Field Day on the same day, more detail will be shared about this closer to the date by Johan ZR6JT, our club contest manager.

AWARDS:

Members are reminded to submit nominations for awards to be presented at the AGM. Nominations can be submitted to any committee members by latest end of business Friday 23rd of February 2024.

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.

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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).

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.