

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 27th of February 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:

WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY 18 APRIL 2024:

World Amateur Radio Day is the day when IARU Member Societies can show our capabilities to the public and enjoy global friendship with other Amateurs worldwide.

For 2024, the IARU is very pleased to adopt the theme of "A Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 years of Amateur Radio Innovation, Community and Advocacy."

The IARU celebrates its centenary in 2025. Since its founding in Paris, France, the IARU has worked tirelessly to promote innovation in amateur radio and to encourage the growth of the service in communities throughout the world. The IARU has represented the Amateur Services at international and regional regulatory bodies by relying on our volunteers who come from many countries and communities. The IARU has been a sector member of the ITU since 1932 and the work of our volunteers has continued since that date with unmatched success as was highlighted with the accomplishments at WRC-23.

Leading up to our centenary year, we should take time to reflect on the remarkable achievements of radio amateurs over the last 100 years. While the Amateur Services have been in operation for over a century, 1924 was the first year that intercontinental amateur communication became commonplace. Since that time radio amateurs have made unparalleled advances in technology related to the Amateur Services that play a critical role today in sustaining world-wide communications and allow us to respond to global emergencies.

World Amateur Radio Day is an opportunity to reflect on our achievements since 1924. We should celebrate our diverse community and the advances and innovations we have made as we look forward to celebrating the IARU centenary next year

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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 28 members have registered - 13 from ZS1, 2 from ZS2, 2 from ZS4, 1 from ZS5 and 10 from ZS6. We need a 10% attendance to be a quorum so that the AGM can be held. See you in Cape Town in April!

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate to high levels. There are currently five 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 128. 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 for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 February – the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

2 March – the West Rand Boot Sale

8 March – International Woman's Day

CLUB NEWS:

MARCH CLUB MEETING & AGM:

Notification of the AGM will go out tomorrow 14th of February 2024 of our annual general meeting and also on the WA group. The AGM will be held on Saturday 9th of March 2024 at the QTH of Etienne ZS6ZA full details will be on 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.

AWA SATURDAY MORNING NET:

The AWA is using the KARTS repeater for about 2 hours on Saturday mornings to relay the AWA net from 08h30 to about 10h00. Club members are reminded of this arrangement and to join the net.

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.

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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.

Corrie ZS6CDB, to give feedback of the January club meeting

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:

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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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!