

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 5th of March 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 MARCH 2024 RADIO ZS:

The March 2024 issue of Radio ZS was uploaded to the SARL website on 27 February. Go to Publications and then click on Radio ZS Download.

We can tell you that Morse Code is alive and well at KPH and we show you how to simulate a CW keyer using an Arduino Nano. The Northern Cape ARC found an article about a helical beam for 40 metres, we look at a simple vertical antenna with a spiral counterpoise, a spirally loaded copper tape and PVC dipole and Kevern, ZR2BK explains how to replace the polarized film on an Icom IC-706MkIIIG.

Chris, ZS6EZ tells of his trip to the United Kingdom, and Martin, PT2ZDX made an incredible find at a flea market in Brazil, while Daniel, VE7LCG is experimenting with solar panels from garden solar LED lights, the ATU-130, a MMDVM hotspot and an Arduino FM receiver. We visit Djibouti and the J28MD DXpedition, we also look at the Cat's-whisker detector, the history of the BBC pips and the first man to broadcast in Cape Town. Download your copy today.

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 visible with simple to complex magnetic configurations. 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 114. The 10 to 30 m bands will, especially in the early morning and late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. For more information, please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

8 March - International Women's Day, the International Women's Day YL Parks on the Air party

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CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH A SPECIAL EVENT:

The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) is hosting an International Women's Day YL Parks on the Air® (POTA) Party from 00:00 - 23:59 UTC on Friday 8 March. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. This year's theme is Inspire Inclusion.

To celebrate the day, the goal of this special event is to activate any POTA park during the 24-hour event window using any mode and frequency within your license class. Contacts can be submitted to the POTA database. YLRL encourages participants to wear pink, decorate their stations, and share experiences and photos on social media using the hashtag #YL_POTA_Party.

CLUB NEWS:

MARCH CLUB MEETING & AGM:

Notification of the AGM went on 15th of February 2024. The AGM will be held this forthcoming 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.

If you have not yet indicated if you will be attending or not on the WhatsApp poll, please do so before tomorrow mid-day as we need to finalise the numbers. Instead of the traditional braai or Boerewors-rolls, we will end the AGM with some vetkoek and mince.

We will have some cold drinks in the cooler box, so make sure to bring some cash to feed the very hungry green monster!!! Also, please bring a chair and gazebo if you can.

Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update and more info to of our plans to compete in the SARL National Field Day:

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:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

No birthdays and anniversaries on our list for the week.

If we have missed your big day, please contact any committee member to update our records.

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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!