

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 12th of March 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:

It looks like the Blue Bulls are assured that their convention attendance record will not be broken by the Stormers. The registration to date is ZS1 - 20; ZS2 - 2; ZS3 - 1; ZS4 - 2; ZS5 - 2; ZS6 - 12 and Italy - 1. Where are the SARL Members in the Western Cape?

Register for the SARL National Convention at <https://forms.gle/iFMfeRUESfwx8y3N9> and stand a chance to win a REDELL UV97 New Generation Dual Band Radio with the programming cable included. Do it today!

The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre (CTARC) is pleased to announce that a fantastic hand held radio, donated by Bombastik Radio Accessories, can be won by any person who registers in time to attend the SARL AGM on 20 April. The draw for the radio will take place at the AGM in Cape Town and the winner must be present in person to win the prize.

The 2024 SARL National Convention booklet was uploaded. The booklet contains information about the activities of the Convention weekend of 19 to 21 April 2024 and the agenda for the SARL AGM on Saturday 20 April. In the booklet, you will find the unaudited accounts until 31 December 2023, the proposed budget for 2024/2025, the proposed membership fees for 2024/2025 and the five motions and two matters to be brought to the attention of the AGM.

A SARL Communication was be sent to all members as the booklet is now available and there will be a link on the front page of the SARL website.

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 complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a moderate to high probability for C-class and a low 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 94. 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.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

11 March – The start of Ramadan

17 March – St Patrick's Day

20 March – The Autumn Equinox and Provincial schools close

21 March – Human Rights Day; World Down Syndrome Day and Namibian Independence Day

CLUB NEWS:

MARCH CLUB MEETING & AGM:

A most enjoyable AGM.

The elected executive committee for 2024/5 is as follows.

Executive Committee:

Chairman and HF Manager	Etienne Nieuwoudt ZS6ZA
Vice Chairman	Anton Lombard ZS6WG
Secretary	Antonette Engelbrecht
Treasurer	Alvin Steenkamp ZS6ASK

Co-opted Committee Members:

Technical Manager	Pieter Engelbrecht ZS6PJE
AMSAT Custodian	Vacant
Contest Manager	Vacant

Congratulations to all the re-elected committee members and warm welcome to newly elected! Looking forward to a great and fruitful year ahead. All the vacant positions will be filled at the April club meeting

A big **thank you** to all members for your attendance and participation, much appreciated.

More feedback will follow once the new committee have had their first committee meeting.

Call Etienne ZS6ZA, for feedback on the AGM and update on HF happenings:

Call Pieter ZS6PJE, Technical Manager to give feedback and update:

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 birthday on our list for the week. Jan ZS6IMM celebrating his birthday on Wednesday the 13th. Congratulations from all of us hope you have a great day and year ahead.

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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!