

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 19th of March 2024

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Etienne ZS6ZA, 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 have to announce that the key of Johan Alberts ZS1B went silent on Monday 11 March. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Elize, daughter and three sons as well as his grandchildren.

The key of Quintus Moolman, ZS2KU went silent on Friday 8 March. Quintus wrote his RAE in 2014 and was part of the 7P8QM DXpedition to Lesotho in 2017. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

INVITATION TO THE 2024 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

On Monday 11 March, the SARL Secretary sent out a SARL Communication inviting SARL Members to the upcoming National Convention, which, in terms of Rule 11 of the Rules of the South African Radio League, will take place from 19 to 21 April 2024 at the Garden Court, Nelson Mandela Boulevard, corner of Melbourne and Coronation Roads in Cape Town, and hosted by the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre (CTARC). The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting you will find on page 4 of the National Convention Booklet.

The AGM is a crucial event in our calendar as it offers all members an opportunity to contribute to discussions and decisions that shape the future of our organization. Your presence is highly valued as your insights and inputs are vital to these discussions. We believe that your contribution to these discussions will be invaluable and we look forward to your active participation. The 2024 SARL National Convention Booklet can be downloaded from the link on the front page of the SARL web site. Download your copy today!

Register for the SARL national convention on the SARL website and stand a chance to win a REDELL UV97 New Generation Dual Band Radio with the programming cable included. Do it today!

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AMATEUR RADIO IS READY TO SUPPORT SOLAR ECLIPSE OPERATION:

The upcoming Monday 8 April 2024 solar eclipse has many excited about the opportunity to witness the darkness of totality. Spectators from across the US are traveling to the path of total darkness that will stretch from South Texas to Northeast Maine. The eclipse is expected to directly affect parts of 14 US states as it moves across the country.

Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI) is leading the Solar Eclipse QSO Party which will allow radio amateurs to participate in propagation research by working during the eclipse and submitting their logs. Much of that activity will be focused on the FT8 frequencies of the non-WARC HF bands, but all modes will be welcome during the event. Get more information at <https://hamsci.org/eclipse>.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently five sunspot regions with simple 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 88. The 10 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoon. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

20 March – The Autumn Equinox and Provincial schools close

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

27 March – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

29 March – Good Friday

31 March – Easter Sunday

1 April – Family Day

CLUB NEWS:

APRIL CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 13 April 2024. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for April on Saturday 13th of April 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

See you all there!!!

Etienne ZS6ZA, to give feedback and update on HF happenings:

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

Call Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for the week. Andrew ZS6AJK celebrating his birthday on Saturday the 23rd of March. Congratulations from all of us hope you have a great day and year ahead.

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 by Corrie ZS6CDB and read by Etienne ZS6ZA.

Thank you for having listened!