

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 26th 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 regret that we must announce that the key of Sid Coosner, ZS6MG (ex ZS1MG and ZS4MG), went silent on Sunday 17 March 2024 at the age of 96, after a long illness. Sid was first licensed on 12 June 1951. We express our deepest condolences to his three children Norma, Lewis, and Jacqueline, and their families.

Sid's daughter Jacqueline, donated all Sid's memorabilia, documents, and QSL Cards to the SARL History project. Included is a logbook that seems to be from the Radio Society of South Africa's shack dated 9 April 1925 with the last entry dated 9 November 1946. There is also mention of amateur licenses being suspended on 29 October 1939 before WWII up until 13 January 1946, after WWII had ended and when the amateur licenses were re-issued. Sid's SARL jacket with a gold woven SARL badge on the pocket, which seems to be the first SARL badge together with 2 ties, is among the items received. There are also various QSL cards from various South African radio amateurs dating before and after WWII.

It is with regret that we must announce that the key of Martin Blake, ZS6GUN, went silent on Tuesday 19 March 2024. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife and daughter, family and friends.

REGISTER FOR THE SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Rule 11.7 of the Rules of the SARL states that a quorum consisting of not less than ten (10) percent of the total number of League members entitled to vote (present and proxies) is needed before the SARL AGM can start at 09:00 on Saturday 20 April 2024. Thus 161 members present at the meeting or represented by proxy is required, at this stage, the SARL Secretary is aware of 90 registrations and proxies. If you cannot attend the AGM, please fill in the proxy form, which is available on the front page of the League website.

The link to register for the SARL National Convention is available on the front page of the SARL website. The registration is for attending the AGM in person or via the virtual platform. Register today and stand a chance to win a REDELL UV97 New Generation Dual Band Radio with the programming cable – the prize is for the SARL Members present at the AGM venue.

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PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently eight sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. 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 119. The 10 to 30 m bands may, especially in the late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. For more information, please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za.

LEARN ABOUT HOMEBREWING IN THE DIGITAL ERA:

Register now for the SARL Technical Symposium. The SARL Technical Symposium "Science and Technology in Amateur Radio" will take place on Saturday 6 April 2024 from 10:00 to 15:00 CAT (08:00 to 13:00 UTC). It is a virtual event on the WebEX platform.

Participation is free but registration is required. You will find the registration link on the SARL and AMSAT SA websites.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 March – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
29 March – Good Friday
31 March – Easter Sunday
1 April – Family Day
2 April – World Autism Day
6 April – The SARL Technical Symposium

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 and one anniversary on our list for the week. Roelie XYL of John ZS6LS celebrating her birthday on Wednesday the 27th of March. Also on the 27th of March it's the wedding anniversary of Gert ZS6GFS and his XYL Susette. 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!