

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 2nd of April 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:

SILENT KEYS:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the keys of Adam Farson VA7OJ/AB4OJ (ex ZS1ZG/ZS6XT), Pieter Gildenhuys, ZS1FPO and Phillip Botha, ZS6PMB have gone silent.

Adam Farson went silent key on the morning of Sunday 12 March 2024. He was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Surrey, British Columbia. Adam was a real fount of knowledge on ICOM radios. He collected and drafted countless documents with useful information on their care and operation. His website at www.gsl.net/ab4oj/ will continue for a few more years.

Pieter, ZS1FPO passed away on the 22nd of March 2024.

Phillip, ZS6PMB passed away on the 22nd of March 2024 after a short illness. He was very active on the East Rand on HF and VHF.

We extend our condolences to all the family and friends.

SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION:

Have you booked your accommodation at the Garden Court Hotel for the SARL National Convention? The accommodation at the Garden Court Hotel costs R1 500 per room per night and includes breakfast - it is a double room. Bookings must be made by contacting Miranda at Reservations on 021 448 4123. Your first words are "Hi Miranda, I want to book accommodation for the SARL Convention!" **SARL is the magic word** that will ensure you get the special conference price, but you have until 17:00 on Monday 1 April to book your accommodation. It is not an April Fool's joke. The cut-off for bookings is Monday 1 April.

You can of course arrange your own accommodation at a B&B or with a friendly radio amateur in the greater Cape Town Area.

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THE SARL TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM ON SATURDAY 6 APRIL:

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 [do not read <https://forms.gle/R7cZRS HQhNwMxF1G8>] on the SARL and AMSAT SA websites.

The programme for the symposium includes a selection of interesting presentations of which many have practical applications such as building your on-HF noise monitoring system with locally available software and hardware. The developer of IOCAP, Piet van Zyl, will discuss HF frequency prediction and the application of SANSAs HF prediction software. Two of the presentations deal with logging software. The guest speaker from the UK, Derek Kozel M0LNA/K0ZEL, who is an expert on Software Defined Radio, will talk about “SDR—Homebrewing in the digital era.” The full programme is now available on the SARL web pages at www.sarl.org.za

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently four sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C- and M-class and a moderate probability for X-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 98. The 10 to 30 m bands may, especially in the late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 April – The provincial schools open
6 April – The SARL Technical Symposium and the Sasolburg ARC meeting
18 April – World Amateur Radio Day
19 April – May RAE registration closes
19 to 21 April – The SARL National Convention

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!!!

Call 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:

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Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for this week. Jenny, wife of Barry ZS6OY will celebrate her birthday on Monday, 8 April. Happy birthday 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 and read by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!