

## ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 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:**

#### **SILENT KEY:**

The Office at the NARC received a note that Mario Garofoli, ZS6MIO became a silent key during 2023. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Maurine, family and friends.

### **THE JULY 2024 ISSUE OF RADIO ZS:**

The July 2024 issue of Radio ZS is available for download from the League website. We look at the first Queens of the Mountains event, learning Morse code and SOTA - Lessons Learnt. There is more information about the 2024 IARU HF Championships as well as local contests and the awards from IARU Regions 1, 2 and 3. We visit the 2024 Gauteng Kon-Tiki event and look at five backyard multi-band wire HF antennas. What about building a field expedient amateur radio kit? We visit the A8OK, Liberia 2024 DXpedition and in the Museum Piece we read about radio crackling into life in conflict; Martin, PT2ZDX takes us to the city of Joinville in southern Brazil and we look at the 2024 International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend - what about activating a lighthouse in Mozambique?

### **PROPAGATION REPORT:**

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently eleven sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a low to 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 129. The 12 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoon and early evening. Please visit the website [spaceweather.sansa.org.za](http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za) for further information.

### **DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 1 July – the start of the SARL Financial year and the October RAE Registration opens
- 9 July – The provincial schools open
- 15 July – Delville Wood Day

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### **CLUB NEWS:**

#### **JULY CLUB MEETING:**

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

See you all there!!!

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

**Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:**

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

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**

We have one birthday on our list for the week. Jacques ZS6MAV celebrating his birthday on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. Congratulations from all of us, have a great day and enjoy the long weekend!!!

If we have missed 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 Johan ZR6JT.

Thank you for having listened!