

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 9th of July 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 must announce that the keys of Andrew van Heerden, ZS6AVH; Viv Wells, ZS6CAA and Neville Engelbrecht, ZS1P (ex-ZS6BSQ) have gone silent.

Andrew, ZS6AVH passed away on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at the age of 49.

Viv, ZS6CAA was 92 and collapsed in the early hours on Thursday 27 June due to a massive stroke. He was an honorary life member of the West Rand Amateur Radio Club and will be best remembered for his relay of the West Rand Bulletin onto HF.

Neville, ZS1P (ex ZS6BSQ) passed away on Wednesday 3 July, two days before his 90th birthday. Neville served on the committee of the Southern Transvaal Branch of the SARL and was an RAE student of Gary, ZS6YI in 1978 and achieved high marks in his RAE.

We extend our sincere condolences to their family and friends

THE INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AND LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND:

The 27th International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend takes place from 00:01 UTC on Saturday 17 August to 24:00 UTC on Sunday 18 August 2024 and you can operate for the whole 48 hours or part thereof. The ILLW is NOT a contest, it is a fun event to raise the profile of lighthouses, light vessels, and other navigational aids and preserve our maritime heritage. At present, there are eleven lighthouses registered in the Western Cape and one registered in Kwazulu-Natal. The Namibian League is planning to active Swakopmund lighthouse.

Now, if you visit <https://illw.net/index.php> and then click on 'Lights List,' you will see that Mozambique is not listed! Mozambique has 52 lighthouses and not one of them has an ILLW number. The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society website shows 35 lighthouses with an ARLHS number. What about traveling to Maputo and activating a lighthouse? Several members of the Mozambique Regulator are radio amateurs and I am sure they would love to be part of such an event.

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LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD RETURNED TO SERVICE ON 1 JULY 2024:

LoTW had been offline as part of a systems service disruption. The ARRL is taking steps to help manage, what will likely be, a huge influx of logs. We are requesting that if you have large uploads, perhaps from contests or from a DXpedition, please wait a week or two before uploading to give LoTW a chance to catch up. A process was implemented to reject logs with excessive duplicates. Please do not upload your entire log to “ensure” your contacts are in LoTW as they will be rejected. Despite this request, we have seen several recent DXpeditions upload large log files and many amateurs have uploaded logs with excessive duplicates. This negatively affects the backlog time. Lastly, please do not call ARRL Headquarters to report issues with LoTW. You can contact support at LoTW-help@arrl.org.

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 108. The 10 to 30 m bands may especially in the late afternoon and early evening provide some good DX fun. For more information, please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

15 July – Delville Wood Day

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 13th 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 Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for the week. Gert ZS6GFS celebrating his birthday on Monday the 15th of July. Congratulations from all of us, hope you have a great day and year ahead!!!

If we have missed your big day, please contact any committee member to update our records.

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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!