

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 16th of July 2024.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Anton ZS6WG, 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:

It is with deep regret that we must announce that the key of Vic Moore, ZS3VIC became silent after a serious heart attack. Vic was known for his involvement with the Sutherland Amateur Radio Club. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

SARL SPECTRUM AND TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP HELD ITS FIRST MEETING:

The Workgroup held its first meeting last week discussing the overall objectives. At its next meeting the STWG will focus on the recently published Communications Policy and how the SARL can best leverage the policy to the benefit of Amateur Radio. The STWG needs more volunteers to best serve Amateur Radio and its future. Here is the background to the STWG if you missed it in previous SARL News bulletins. It is also available on the web.

With the publication of various Spectrum Policies and the imminent publication by ICASA of the equipment type approval policy, the Council of the SARL has decided to establish a Spectrum and Technology Workgroup which will be known by the acronym SARL STW. The STW will coordinate the various previous initiatives such as the Technology Workgroup. The first tasks of the STW will be to develop a document to highlight opportunities for Amateur Radio in the recently gazetted Spectrum Policy for Economic Development. The STW will also coordinate the SARL's participation in the SABS TC3 and TC74 EMC and Telecommunications technical committees, the WRC27 National Preparatory Workgroup (NPWG) and the IARU Region 1 EMC and Noise Monitoring (NMC) committees. Another task of the Spectrum and Technology Workgroup will be to set up technology webinars.

The STW is inviting interested SARL and AMSAT SA members with an interest in the technology issues confronting amateur radio to join the STW. The first meeting was held on the AMSAT SA Webex platform on Thursday 4 July at 20:30. The next meeting is on 25 July. Two SARL councillors, Karel Bezuidenhout, ZR6K and Guy Eales, ZS6GUY have joined the STW as well as Brian Jacobs, ZS6ZY and Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV.

Here is a real opportunity for the younger generation to contribute to Amateur Radio's future and to gain valuable personal experience. Send an e-mail with your contact details and your area of interest to sarlstw@amateurradio.org.za.

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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 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 152. The 10 to 30 m bands will, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

CLUB NEWS:

JULY CLUB MEETING FEEDBACK:

Raffle tickets:

Members are reminded that there are only 3 months left before the draw of the winning tickets. Members are encouraged to sell at least the one booklet that was issued to them.

Echolink:

Pieter confirmed that the Echolink was completed and that Justin required the club's 2m/70cm Duplexer for final testing. Anton will deliver the Duplexer during the course of this week.

Committee Members:

The vacant post of Chairman was open for discussion. Alvin ZS6ASK suggested that Corrie ZS6CDB steps up to vice-chairman and Anton ZS6WG fills the position as Chairman. All club members present voted unanimously for this suggestion as no other nominations was made.

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 no names on our list for the week.

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 Anton ZS6WG.

Thank you for having listened!