

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 30th 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 key of Sam Mc Leary, ZS1OR, went silent this week. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Zae, family, and friends.

THE AUGUST 2024 RADIO ZS:

The August issue of Radio ZS will be available from Tuesday 30 July on the SARL website. So, if you have an article for this issue, send it to radiozs@sarl.org.za by Monday 29 July.

In this issue, we look at the SARL's Premier Contest, developing amateur services in the 23 cm band and a multi-band end-fed antenna. Chris, ZS6GM tells us how to neutralise valve or tube power amplifiers, we visit the Ystervarkpunt lighthouse; we look at a homebrew Morse code key and visit with the radio amateurs of the Southern Cape.

In the Museum Piece, we look at John R Carson and the patenting of Single Side Band, Martin, PT2ZDX/LU9EFO takes us to the city of Blumenau in southern Brazil and we read about from the COOL to SA-QSL and WAZS. And there is more.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently eleven 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 115. 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:

31 July – The Sandton Power Hour Tech and the closing date for Space Symposium paper proposals

9 August – Women's Day

12 August – International Youth Day

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THE SANDTON POWER HOUR TECH:

Tomorrow, you will have an exciting opportunity. No, you misunderstand, this is not going to cost you anything, nor is it voodoo, although the topic may get close. This coming Wednesday evening, 31 July at 19:00 CAT, you have an exciting opportunity to unleash the world of 3D printing, with our special guest and genuine 3D printing guru and business entrepreneur, Petra Rees.

This is a must-attend Tech Talk for anyone who has, or has ever considered, getting involved in 3D printing, or has ever needed some special part to be made. Got your pen handy? The Power Hour Tech Talk Zoom meeting ID is: 841 9085 5481 and the Passcode is: 250 942 or, visit the SARL events page or your Club's Facebook page for the Zoom details.

The talk is open to everyone, so please bring along your curiosity, spread the word, and join us this coming Wednesday, 31 July, at 19:00 CAT, on Zoom, for an electrifying conversation on 3D printing.

CLUB NEWS:

AUGUST CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 10 August 2024. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for July on Saturday 10th of August 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. Pieter ZS6TP celebrating his birthday tomorrow. 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.

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!