

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 27th of August 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 KEY:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Gavin Badenhorst, ZS6BG went silent at 02:47 on Sunday 18 August 2024. Gavin had brain cancer. In 1974, he successfully passed his amateur exam, becoming the youngest amateur in South Africa. At that time, Gavin and Gary, ZS6YI were the two youngest amateurs in the country and were in the same class at school. We extend our sincere condolences to Ranie-Ann, family and friends.

THE SEPTEMBER 2024 RADIO ZS:

The Editor is busy with the September 2024 issue of Radio ZS and has eight articles from local amateurs (just missing something from ZS2!) What is SARL Hamnet doing? Some feedback about the Lighthouse Weekend and SOTA activities. Any Club projects? The deadline for submission of articles is Wednesday evening 28 August and they can be sent to radiozs@sarl.org.za.

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 slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for both C- and M-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 174. The 10 to 20 m bands may especially, in the late afternoon and early evening, provide some good DX fun. The 6 m band may also hold some pleasant surprises. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 August – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

31 August – The West Rand Boot Sale

THE SANDTON POWER HOUR TECH TALK:

Mark your calendar for 19:00 CAT this coming Wednesday evening 28 August. It is the Sandton ARC's monthly Power Hour Tech Talk and this time, John Portune, W6NBC will be live from the USA to provide some insights on how to make home-brew Yagi designs simple.

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He will also provide details on how to build a durable inexpensive VHF/UHF beam from easy to obtain materials.

You know about the 10 or 6 m band Yagi you have been wanting to build, now is your opportunity to come along and hear about what you may need to take into consideration and perhaps get the motivation to put it on to the work bench. So, it is 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 28 August and the Zoom Meeting ID is 899 9742 5916 and the passcode is 017557. There will be audio relayed onto the 145.700 MHz Sandton repeater, Echolink and Allstar node.

THE WEST RAND BOOT SALE:

The WRARC committee and members would like to invite everyone to the Westrand Bootsale on Saturday 31 August. All the regular vendors and a few new ones have booked their places. Gates open at 10:00 for pedestrians to socialize and enjoy our boere wors rolls. Vendors set up shop from 11:30 onwards. Bring your ham radio treasures or find some. Don't miss out on this day. Please support our club, pass on the message, and book your table in time. Contact the club at info@zs6wr.co.za for more details.

CLUB NEWS:

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING:

SARL HF Field Competition at Blaauwpan 7 and 8 September. Two stands are booked for this event. Club members need to indicate their availability to support this competition. The usual monthly club meeting will also be held at Blaauwpan on the Saturday. A poll was put on WhatsApp group this morning for members to respond. The previous event at Blaauwpan can be remembered as very successful with lots of fun.

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:

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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!