

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 10th of September 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:

OCTOBER 2024 RAE:

The RAE registration will be closing on 20 September 2024. All registrations must be completed before this date, as no late registrations will be accepted. Clubs who are giving classes must make sure all their candidates have complied with the required registration process. This includes the selection of exam centres and call signs. No changes will be allowed after the closing date. Clubs may contact the RAE Manager by e-mail if they require information regarding candidates who have registered to write at their exam centre. If you know of a person writing or wanting to write, then please encourage them to register.

JOTA AND CQ HOU KOERS IN OCTOBER

The annual Jamboree on the Air and CQ Hou Koers activities take place over the weekend of 19 and 20 October. The Jamboree on the Air runs from Friday evening 18 October until Sunday 20 October and CQ Hou Koers takes place on Saturday 19 October.

Start the ball rolling by contacting your local Scout Group, Guide Company, and/or Voortrekker Commando and offering your services. You can also contact Richard Hooper, ZS6RKE, the National JOTA Coordinator, or Andries Visagie, ZS6VL, the National CQ Hou Koers Coordinator.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently nine sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class 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 167. 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.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

20 September – Provincial Schools close and RAE registration closes
22 September – Spring Equinox
24 September – National Braai Day and Heritage Day
25 September – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

CLUB NEWS:

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING AND SARL FIELD DAY:

As the September club meeting coincided with the SARL HF Field Day Event it was decided to have a joint event at Blaaupan Dam in the Pumula Nature Reserve. The day started at 7h00 with Anton ZS6WG arriving with the 12m antenna mast and Pieter ZS6PJE joining soon afterwards with Johan's ½ wave end fed 40m and 80m antenna. Corrie ZS6CDB and Stephan ZS6SKY joined early and assisted with setting up the gazebos and field station. By 8am a test call was made to confirm the field station being functional. The contest started at 10h00 CAT and Corrie logged the first contact soon afterwards. More members joined in the course of the morning despite getting a bit lost even following the GPS instructions. Antonette and Pieter provided a fire and Boerie Rolls with home made relish which everyone enjoyed. Although HF activity was slow everyone had a most enjoyable day.

The club meeting was well attended with more regular members joining. The only general topics for discussion were:

- Raffle Tickets
- Repeater & Echo Link
- Program for the remainder of the year

Members socialized for the remainder of the afternoon and the Committee wishes to thank everyone for their contribution and attendance to make it a most enjoyable day

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. Debbie XYL of Brand ZS6PES celebrating her birthday on Sunday the 15th of September. Congratulations from all of us, hope you have a great day and year ahead of you.

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

ADDITIONAL NEWS:

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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!