

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 24th of September 2024

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Johan ZR6JT, 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:

THE SARL TO EXHIBIT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN AMATEUR RADIO AT SASF 2024:

The SARL in partnership with AMSAT SA will exhibit at the annual South African Science Forum to be held at the CSIR conference centre in Pretoria from 4 to 6 December. The focus of the SARL/AMSAT SA exhibit will be Science and Technology in Amateur Radio. The SARL/AMSAT SA participation is being facilitated by Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ and Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV. "We are inviting radio amateurs who are involved in Science and Technology projects featuring amateur radio to consider participating in the event and have their projects included on the SARL/ AMSAT SA stand", Brian Jacobs said. "We are in particular interested in projects involving learners and students". Send your contact details to admin@amsatsa.org.za and the team will be in touch with you.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently six 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 99. The 10 to 20 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoon and early evening.

Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

25 September – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

1 October – the provincial schools open

THE POWER HOUR TECH TALK ON WEDNESDAY:

The September Power Hour Tech Talk takes place from 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 25 September. AMSAT live talk - Working the Amateur Satellites and ISS with Clint Bradford, K6LCS, AMSAT Ambassador, ARRL instructor and Affiliated Club Coordinator, will be live from California USA. Clint has served as liaison between NASA, the ARISS team, and schools coordinating amateur radio contacts between the International Space Station and students, and now will be giving us an entertaining, non-boring, Interactive and informative presentation.

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You do not need 100 W of transmit power nor expensive antenna arrays to work the FM voice amateur satellites! You most likely already have all the necessary equipment to "work the birds."

The presentation will be on Zoom and relayed on to the 145,700 ZS6STN repeater, Echolink ZS6STN-R and connected Allstar node. The Zoom login details are meeting ID: 856 3300 5245 and the passcode: 158107 or get the link on the Facebook invite or SARL diary of events page. Everyone is welcome, so please spread the word and be sure to join the Power Hour Tech Talk for a collaborative and interactive learning experience on Wednesday evening, 25 September, at 19:00 CAT. Please join the conversation, and let us show Clint what a vibrant and active Amateur Radio community we South African radio amateurs are.

CLUB NEWS:

OCTOBER CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 12 October 2024. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for October on Saturday 12th of October 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

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 anniversary on our list for the week Tienie ZS6MHH and his XYL Anna-Marie celebrating their wedding anniversary on Sunday 29 September. Congratulations from all of us.

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 Johan ZR6JT.

Thank you for having listened!