

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 15th of October 2024.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Alvin ZS6ASK, 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 RAE ON 19 OCTOBER:

The October Radio Amateur Exam will be written on Saturday 19 October at various exam centres around the country. The President and Council of the SARL wish all the RAE candidates the best of luck for the exam.

BACAR-12 POSTPONED TO 16 NOVEMBER:

The BACAR Team reports, "Part of the planning for a BACAR flight is to predict the flight path and request approval from Air Traffic Control authorities. We are not allowed to fly to the west of Secunda, as there is a rather busy aircraft flight path in this region. As yet we have not had rain, the winds have not shifted as normal to blow eastward and the prediction puts our payloads in a no-balloon zone! For this reason, we have decided to postpone the launch to Saturday 16 November so not as to fall foul of Air Traffic Control.

JOTA AND CQ HOU KOERS NEXT WEEKEND:

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. Thank you to all the radio amateurs who will be involved with JOTA and CQ Hou Koers next weekend.

Voortrekkers in Namibia will mainly use the call sign V51JAM. The message from the Leader of the Voortrekkers, Dr Karen Stofberg, will be relayed at 10:00 CAT on 7,090 MHz. Contact Richard Hooper, ZS6RKE, the National JOTA Coordinator, or Andries Visagie, ZS6VL, the National CQ Hou Koers Coordinator for information.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently 7 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and M-class solar flares and a low to moderate probability for X-class 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 20 m bands may provide some good DX fun, especially in the late afternoon and early evening. 6 m may also pleasantly surprise. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

18 to 20 October – JOTA

19 October - RAE, CQ Hou Koers, the AMSATSA Symposium

30 October – Sandton Power Hour

31 October – Diwali

CLUB NEWS:

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 9 November 2024. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for November on Saturday the 9th of November 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. This meeting will also be our yearend function, so please don't forget the 9th of November.

Call Anton ZS6WG, to give feedback of the October club meeting

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 Alvin ZS6ASK.

Thank you for having listened!