

## **ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN**

Good evening, it is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Johan ZR6AJT, 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 announce that the keys of Pine Pienaar, ZS4ZB (ex ZS1ZE) and Kobus Jooste, ZS3KJ went silent on Saturday 5 October and Sunday 13 October 2024, respectively. We extend our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

#### **THE DRAFT 2025 SARL DIARY OF EVENTS:**

The draft 2025 Diary of Events is available on the League website. Click on SARL Diary of Events in the yellow menu. Clubs are invited to provide the SARL Secretary with dates of their meetings, flea markets and other activities. Please send these to [secretary@sarl.org.za](mailto:secretary@sarl.org.za).

#### **SARL AWARDS AND TROPHIES:**

SARL Members and Affiliated Clubs are hereby invited to submit nominations for the SARL Awards and Trophies listed below. The Awards and Trophies will be handed out at the 2025 Awards Dinner in May 2025. The nomination forms in MS Word are available on <http://www.sarl.org.za/members/agm/AGMMembers.asp>. PLEASE collect all the signatures on ONE document, convert the document to PDF and submit it to the SARL Secretary by midnight on Friday 31 January 2025 and only use [secretary@sarl.org.za](mailto:secretary@sarl.org.za).

#### **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 a low to moderate probability for M-class flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 119. The 10 to 20 m bands will, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website [spaceweather.sansa.org.za](http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za) for further information.

#### **DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:**

30 October – Sandton Power Hour

31 October – Diwali

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### **SANDTON POWER HOUR:**

Halloween is on the horizon. But never fear, SARL Hamnet is nearby. Have you diarised to tune in to the next Power Hour Tech on Wednesday evening 30 October 2024 at 19:00 CAT?

Our guest speaker, Brian, ZS6YZ, will be giving us an in-depth look at what happens behind the scenes at SARL Hamnet, scary stories and all. The Power Hour will take place on Zoom, enabling everyone to connect, and will be relayed on to the 145,700 ZS6STN repeater, Echolink ZS6STN-R and connected Allstar nodes. Please see the SARL upcoming events diary for all the details, as you have less than two weeks to prepare. Join the Power Hour Tech Talk on Wednesday 30 October at 19:00 CAT.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Call Pieter ZS6PJE, Technical Manager to give feedback and update:**

**Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:**

**Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give 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.

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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!