

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 29th of October 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:

THE OCTOBER RAE RESULTS HAVE BEEN RELESED:

Noel, ZR6DX, the SARL RAE Manager has informed SARL News that the results of the October RE were released on Saturday morning 26 October. The President and Council wish the new radio amateurs all of the best and welcome on the air. Thank you to the RAE Team for their hard work.

A NEW 23 CM RECORD SET:

Paul, ZS6NK, the SARL VHF and Higher Record Manager reports that at 08:02 UTC on Thursday 24 October 2024, Tom, ZS1TA/p3 in JG81JA53 and Greg, ZS1IX in JF96EB, set a new distance record for 23 cm. The SSB QSO was over 571,4 km. Tom was north of Port Nolloth near a place called Holgat. Well done to Tom and Greg!

THE NOVEMBER 2024 RADIO ZS:

The November 2024 issue of Radio ZS will be uploaded by Tuesday evening 29 October 2024. The Editor is looking for articles about the Jamboree on the Air and CQ Hou Koers activities. Clubs are invited to submit a small advert about their Club - name, address of meeting place, time of meetings, bulletin times, etc. Please send to radiozs@sarl.org.za

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 8 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a 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 157. The 10 to 20 m bands will, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, provide some good DX fun. 6 m may also hold some pleasant surprises. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

30 October – the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

31 October to 1 November – Diwali

2 November – the West Rand ARC Boot Sale

9 November - Hedy Lamarr Day

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THE WEST RAND ARC BOOT SALE:

The West Rand ARC invites you to join them on Saturday 2 November for their next exciting flea market/boot sale! Come and explore all on offer! Find those hidden treasures or come sell some of your own. Delicious wors rolls and a variety of cold drinks will be on sale. Enjoy socializing with fellow amateurs and friends. The gate opens at 10:00 CAT for refreshments, breakfast and socializing. Vendors are welcome to set up shop at 11:30 CAT. To book a stand and table, contact the club at info@zs6wr.co.za The clubhouse is located at the end of Kroton Street, Weltevreden Park. You can also search for "West Rand Amateur Radio Club" on Google Maps.

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. Club members need to indicate their availability to support the event, we will put out a poll on the WhattsApp group this week for members to respond. Members are also more than welcome to bring their significant others with. We will be having Prego rolls on the house, and the prize draw of our raffle.

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 one birthday for the week. Alvin ZS6ASK celebrating his birthday on Monday the 4th of November. Congratulations from all of us hope you have a great day and year ahead.

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 and read by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!