

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 12th of November 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:

SILENT KEY:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Bert Von Rahden, ZS6LP went silent on the 5th of November 2024. We extend our condolences to his widow Maureen and son Richard.

ARE YOU READY FOR BACAR-12?

The event is coordinated through the Secunda Radio Club, ZS6SRC. This will be the twelfth Balloon flight and is named BACAR-12. All three of the BACAR-12 balloons and payloads will take to the sky from the Trichardt Model Airstrip near Secunda on Saturday morning 16 November, and everyone is invited to participate, even if you cannot get to the launch.

The balloons include a planet-circling foil balloon with a WSPR beacon, a weather balloon and a BACAR payload balloon carrying APRS, LORA, Meshtastic, cross band repeaters, SSTV transmitters, sensors and cameras. You can get involved by tracking the various balloons, making use of the cross-band repeaters and decoding the SSTV images.

There is a BACAR-12 Participation WhatsApp group that you can join for the event, and where you can publish your tracking information, cross band repeater successes, decoded SSTV images and, most importantly, your answer to the SSTV Decode Quiz. Yes, there are prizes and certificates on the line for those who take part and publish their results and received images.

Please see the SARL Upcoming events diary for the WhatsApp group joining link, and all the payloads and their frequencies. With one week to go, please get ready to join the excitement of the launch and the balloon flight to the edge of space from 06:00 CAT on Saturday 16 November 2024.

IARU NEWS:

The 75th anniversary of IARU Region 1 and the Region 1 Interim Meeting will be held in Paris, France from 24 to 25 April 2025. The IARU 100-year celebration will be on 26 April 2025.

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The Region 1 Interim Meeting. The deadline for input papers for the Committees is Tuesday 10 December 2024 (then made official by Sunday 15 December on the interim meeting website). The Committees are C4 - HF Matters; C5 - VHF/UHF and Microwave Matters; C7 - EMC and C8 - Youth. If you have a matter to be raised at the Region 1 Interim Meeting, submit your Paper to the SARL Secretary by Sunday 8 December 2024 at secretary@sarl.org.za. The template for input papers is available from the Secretary.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently 9 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-and M-class flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 179. 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:

27 November – the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

CLUB NEWS:

Call Anton ZS6WG, to give feedback of the November 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!