

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 19th of November 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:

100 YEARS OF SAQ FROM SWEDEN:

On 1 December 1924, the very low frequency (VLF) transmitter with call sign "SAQ" at the Grimeton Radio Station in Sweden, was put into commercial operation. Transmissions were sent across the Atlantic Ocean to the receiving station at Riverhead and the replying transmitter station at Rocky Point, both on Long Island, New York. On 1 December 2024, 100 years later, SAQ will be on the air to commemorate the event. The unique Alexanderson alternator from 1924, with the call sign SAQ, is scheduled for one transmission on VLF 17,2 kHz, CW, which will begin at 10:00 UTC. Visitors are welcome to the transmitter hall at Grimeton to experience an SAQ transmission. The transmission event can be seen live on the Grimeton YouTube channel.

AGM of the Antique Wireless Association

At the AGM of the Antique Wireless Association of Southern Africa held on Saturday 9 November, the following committee was elected for 2025.

President: Chris Turner ZS6GM

Sec/PRO: Andy Cairns ZS6ADY

Technical and Net Control: Rad Handfield-Jones ZS6RAD

Historian: Louis De Wet ZS6SK

Members: Wally Watson ZS6WLY

KZN Liaison: Don Radford ZS5DR

WC Liaison: John Watson ZS1WJ

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 5 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class flares 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 103. 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 for further information.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

23 November – Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre end of year function

27 November – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

CLUB NEWS:

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING:

The December club meeting is planned for the 14th of December 2024. We are thinking of moving the club meeting to the 7th of December as the 14th is over a long weekend. As soon as we have conformation that the clubhouse is available we will run a poll on the WhattsApp group, so please be on the lookout and vote for your preferred date for us finalize the date.

Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

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

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have two birthdays for the week. Blackie ZS6FLS celebrating his birthday today and tomorrow it's the birthday of Neil ZS6WHY. 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 by Corrie ZS6CDB and read by Johan ZR6JT.

Thank you for having listened!