

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 26th 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:

SILENT KEY:

It is with deep regret that Boland ARC must announce that Alwyn du Plessis, ZS1APC passed away on Wednesday 20 November following a heart attack. Our extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

VACANCY FOR A WEBMASTER:

The SARL has a vacancy for a webmaster to take care of the administrative functions, this does not involve development functions. Please send your CV to the SARL Secretary at secretary@sarl.org.za by Friday 13 December 2024.

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 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 128. The 10 to 20 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoon and early evening.

Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 November – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

1 December – The start of the December YOTA Month

3 December – International Day for Persons with Disabilities

5 December – International Volunteers Day

7 December – The Pretoria ARC Flea market and AGM

THE SANDTON POWER HOUR TECH TALK:

You are invited. Yes, you are invited to join the Power Hour Tech Talk this coming Wednesday evening, 27 November at 19:00 CAT to hear from our guest speaker, Brandon, ZS6LZ on how to maximise your success by carefully considering your antenna placement. You will know Brandon as a SOTA adventurer, which means he loves being out there with a radio and antenna working the country and the world, and which also means he has studied and

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practised how to use the placement of his antenna to his advantage. We now have the privilege of tapping deeper into his expertise as he shares his learned and practical experience on Practical HF field antenna placement.

This session will delve into how the near- and far-field environments influence antenna performance, and will focus on real-world factors like ground reactivity, reflection zones, terrain and optimal take-off angles. Join us for a theoretical and practical discussion on how subtle adjustments in field antenna placement and orientation can impact HF reach.

The presentation will take place via Zoom and the details are as follows, but if you miss them, they can also be found on the SARL upcoming events diary together with all the details. The Zoom meeting ID is 875 5880 5016 and the Passcode is 421841. Everyone is welcome, so please spread the word and be sure to join the Power Hour Tech Talk for a collaborative and interactive learning experience at 19:00 CAT this coming Wednesday evening 27 November.

CLUB NEWS:

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING:

The December club meeting was planned for the 14th of December 2024. The members have voted and we are moving the club meeting to the 7th of December 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. Please save the date 7th of December 2024.

Call Johan ZR6JT, Contest Manager to give feedback and update:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have two birthdays and two anniversaries for the week. Constant ZS6XA celebrating his birthday tomorrow and then on the 29th it's the anniversary of Anton ZS6WG and his XYL Leigh-Anne then on the 30th it's the birthday of Brand ZS6PES and Brand and his XYL Debbie also celebrating their anniversary on the same day. 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!