

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 3rd of December 2024.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Anton ZS6WG, 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 must announce that the key of Dudley Burrows, ZS1DB went silent on 9 November 2024. Dudley was a Life Member of the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre, a past Chairman, and a very dedicated and loyal supporter of amateur radio activities. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce that the key of Bernd "Jerry" Sinner, 9J2BS/ZS6JBS went silent after losing the battle against cancer in the early hours of Wednesday 27 November 2024. He will always be remembered for his participation in the SARL contests and his delightful conversations at the West Rand boot sales. We 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.

THE DECEMBER RADIO ZS:

The December 2024 issue of Radio ZS is available for download from the SARL website. Get more information about the December YOTA Month and the SARL Centenary QSO Party that starts on 1 January 2025. We look at the DX Marathon Programme and the Future of DXCC. There are two articles about the new 23 cm Terrestrial Distance Record and two articles about payloads that flew on BACAR-12 in October. Bernie, ZS4TX talks more about the 7P8Z EME DXpedition, and Mark, ZS6MDX discusses SDR: the next frontier for amateur radio in South Africa. Chris, ZS6GM talks about losses in Transmission Lines due to SWR and End Fed Antennas, Invisible Ground, Myth or Snake Oil, while Phillip, ZS6FY says Testing is believing - the core of the matter. We pay a visit to the Cape Morgan Lighthouse in the Eastern Cape and in the Museum Column, we look at Project Echo.

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SARL AWARDS AND TROPHIES:

The SARL has five VHF/UHF operating trophies and only one HF operating trophy. At the Council meeting on 22 and 23 November, it was decided to add two new HF operating awards - Council is busy finalising the criteria for these awards and a nomination form will soon be available.

There are awards for service to the SARL and amateur radio, technical awards, operating awards, awards for Radio ZS, and a Certificate of Recognition. The nomination forms for these awards in MS Word are available at 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. The Awards and Trophies will be handed out at the 2025 Awards Dinner on 18 May 2025.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 9 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 this week will be around 158. The 10 to 20 m bands will, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, provide some good DX fun. For more information, please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today – International Day for Persons with Disabilities
5 December – International Volunteers Day
7 December – The Pretoria ARC Flea market and AGM
11 December – The provincial schools close
12 to 23 December – The Senior Scout Adventure in the Cedarberg
14 and 15 December – The ARRL 10 m Contest

CLUB NEWS:

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 7th of December 2024. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for December on Saturday the 7th of December 2024 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. We will have some boerewors rolls and will run a poll on the WhatsApp group to get an indication of how many will be attending.

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:

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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 and read by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!