

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 10th of December 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 Bill Smith, ZS6XD went silent on Sunday 1 December 2024 after his battle with cancer. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Frans Marais, ZS4FM went silent on Monday 2 December after a heart attack. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Les Mandy, ZS1KF (ex ZS2KF and ZS4WA) went silent on Monday 2 December 2024 just after 16:00. Les, originally from Kimberley, moved to Port Elizabeth, where he worked at a radio telecommunication company - HiFreq Telecoms in the 1970's. He subsequently moved to Bloemfontein and then retired to Cape Town. We extend our sincere condolences to his sons, Ian and Steven, daughter, Yvonne, their families and friends.

PAUSE

THE NARC CLOSURE FOR THE FESTIVE SESSION:

The Office at the National Amateur Radio Centre will close at the end of the work day on Friday 20 December 2024 and will reopen on Wednesday 8 January 2025.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 7 sunspot regions with simple to slightly 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 119. The 10 to 20 m bands may, 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:

11 December – the provincial schools close
12 to 23 December – the Senior Scout Adventure in the Cedarberg
16 December – the Day of the Vow
21 December – the Summer Solstice @ 11:20 CAT
25 December – Christmas Day
26 December – Family Day
25 December to 2 January – Chanukah
31 December - Old Year's Eve,
1 January – New Year's Day

CLUB NEWS:

DECEMBER BULLETINS:

This is our last official bulletin for 2024. We will still have a weekly net on Tuesday evenings at 19h30 for those who are around and up for a round or two. Our bulletins will resume on 7 January 2025 and our January club meeting will be on Saturday 14 January 2025.

Call Anton ZS6WG, to give feedback of the December club meeting

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

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday and two anniversaries on our list. On the 15th of December it's the anniversary of Selwyn ZS6SEL and his XYL Paulette. On the 20th it's the birthday of Barbara XYL of Pieter ZS6TP and on the 3rd of January it's the anniversary of Connie ZS6CGV and his XYL Coriene. 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 Alvin ZS6ASK.

Thank you for having listened!