

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 10th of March 2025.

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:

ICASA SPECTRUM FEES:

Radio amateurs are requested to wait until ICASA has notified you that the renewal notice is available for download, before paying the Spectrum fees and then uploading the proof of payment to the Customer Portal. Do not send the proof of payment by e-mail to some address at ICASA.

For those radio amateurs whose licences are managed by the SARL, follow the instructions you receive from Noel, ZR6DX.

SARL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The SARL Membership Fee for 2025/26 will only be approved at the 2025 SARL AGM on Saturday 17 May and thereafter the invoices will be sent out during June. If you are joining or re-joining the SARL, you can make use of the half-year membership fee as found at <https://mysarl.org.za/shop/>

SARL CENTENARY TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME PUBLISHED:

The programme for the Centenary Technical Symposium will be available for download from Sunday. The symposium will take place on the Webex video conference platform on Saturday 22 March 2025 from 09:00 - 15:00. Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. The link to register can be found on the SARL website home page. The programme offers a wide variety of subjects representing the wide scope of activity amateur radio offers. Registration closes on Friday 21 March at 17:00. If you have not yet registered, do it now

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 and a low to moderate probability for M-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 102. 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.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

17 March – St Patrick's Day

20 March – Autumn Equinox @ 08:58 UTC

21 March – Human Rights Day, World Downs Syndrome Day and the Namibian Independence Day

22 March – The SARL Centenary Technical Symposium

CLUB NEWS:

MARCH CLUB MEETING AND AGM FEEDBACK:

A most enjoyable AGM. Thanks to all the people that contributed to make the day a huge success!!!

The newly elected committee for 2025/6 is as follows:

Executive Committee:

Chairman: Corrie ZS6CDB

Vice Chair: Anton ZS6WG

Treasurer: Alvin ZS6ASK

Secretary: Vacant

Co-opted Committee Members:

Technical Manager: Connie ZS6CGV

Satellite Custodian: Vacant

HF and Field Contest Manager: Vacant

We wish the new Committee all the best for the next year and request members support. The club is all about the MEMBERS!!! All the vacant positions will be filled at the April club meeting.

A big **thank you** to all members for your attendance and participation, much appreciated.

More feedback will follow once the new committee have had their first committee meeting.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for the week. On Thursday the 13th it's the birthday of Jan ZS6IMM. 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, read by Alvin ZS6ASK and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!