

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 25th of March 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Stephen ZS6SKY, 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:

REGISTER FOR THE 2025 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The 2025 South African Radio League National Convention will celebrate the SARL's 100th birthday over the weekend of 16 to 18 May 2025. The event will take place at the Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre, located corner of Willem Botha and Wierda Road, Eldoraingne, Centurion with the Pretoria ARC as our hosts. The Convention registration form is available at <https://forms.gle/yi5Td1UqWWntKXQC9> as well as on the front page of the SARL website.

On Friday 16 May, the Pretoria ARC is celebrating its 95th birthday at the hotel and you can attend at R300 per person, members of PARC speak to your committee.

On Saturday 17 May, after breakfast, the 2025 SARL AGM will be held. The PARC is busy arranging a partner's programme with the Menlyn Shopping Centre as a possibility.

After the AGM, the Mega Flea Market and exhibits by Clubs, SARL Hamnet and other interest groups will start. There will be lunch available at the venue for own costs. Saturday closes with the SARL Awards Dinner at the hotel at R350 per person. The weekend closes on Sunday 18 May with breakfast and departure for home. Clubs, Interest Groups and Radio Dealers are reminded to contact Almero du Pisani, ZS6LDP on e-mail almerodps@gmail.com to arrange for your Club's participation on 17 May. Is the Pretoria ARC the only Club participating?

Accommodation options. At the Royal Elephant Hotel - a double room with breakfast included @ R1 855 per night. When booking, speak to Katlego Phasha at 012 658 8000 and PLEASE used the words South African Radio League or SARL! Or you can book at one of the many guest houses and guest lodges in the area. On page 7 and 8 of the March 2025 Radio ZS, you will find a list of guest houses.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently 12 sunspot regions with simple magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a low 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 104.

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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.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

26 March – The Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

28 March – Provincial Schools Close

2 April – World Autism Day

5 April – The ZS6PTA Flea Market

8 April – Provincial Schools Open

THE SANDTON POWER HOUR TECH TALK:

Are you ready for the next Power Hour Tech Talk? Grab a pen and mark your calendar for Wednesday evening 26 March 26 at 19:00 CAT. Our special guest, Johan ZS6DC, will be introducing an exciting FM activity that everyone can participate in with very basic and inexpensive equipment, that encourages our antenna maker and experimenter genes and that can be combined with many other activities like SOTA, POTA and HOTA or that can stand alone.

Join the Power Hour Tech Talk as we tap into Johan's skills and experience, to see what several amateurs are doing with QRP FM and maybe a piece of barbed wire. The talk starts at 19:00 CAT and will be live on the interconnected ZS6STN 145,700 MHz, West Rand 145,025 MHz and KARTS 145,6625 MHz repeaters, as well as their associated Echolink and Allstar nodes. For all the pictures, the Zoom login details are as follows: Meeting ID: 848 8396 7418 and the passcode: 025452.

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 on Wednesday evening 26 March, at 19:00 CAT. If you missed anything, please hurry along to the SARL upcoming events diary for all the details and Zoom link.

CLUB NEWS:

APRIL CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 12th of April 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting on Saturday the 12th of April 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday and one anniversary on our list for the week. On Thursday the 27th it's the birthday of Roelie XYL of John ZS6LS also the 27th it's the anniversary of Gert ZS6GFS and his XYL Susette. 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.

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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 Stephen ZS6SKY and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!