

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 22nd of April 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:

SILENT KEY:

It is with deep regret that we must announce that the key of Ben Fourie, ZS6BEN went silent on Saturday 4 January 2025. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 2025 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Have you registered for the 2025 SARL National Convention yet? The link to the registration form is available at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2025/>, fill in the form if you are attending in person or if you will be attending the AGM via Zoom (1-way stream).

The 2025 SARL National Convention will take place at the Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre, located at the corner of Willem Botha and Wierda Road, Eldoraigne, Centurion over the weekend of 16, 17 and 18 May 2025. The Pretoria ARC are our hosts.

Friday evening 16 May, the Pretoria ARC is celebrating its 95th birthday with a function at the Hotel. The cost is R300 per person.

Saturday morning 17 May has the SARL AGM at 08:30. For those who cannot make it to Centurion, the AGM will go out on Zoom as a 1-way stream - from us to you! There is a partner's programme for the morning.

After the closure of the AGM - the Mega Flea Market and exhibits will be found in the large garden area of the Hotel. There is food available for lunch at the venue for own costs. At this stage, I am aware of the Pretoria ARC and the Antique Wireless Association as the only participants of the flea market/exhibits! Are other Clubs and groups taking part? Please let me know.

Saturday ends with the SARL Awards Dinner at the Hotel - R350 per person.

On Sunday morning 18 May after a hearty breakfast, you can return home again.

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THE 2025 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOKLET:

The National Convention Booklet was uploaded to the SARL website on Thursday 17 April 2025. The document contains the invitation, a copy of the proxy form (which is available online), the Minutes of the 2024 SARL AGM, the Unaudited Accounts until 31 December 2024, the Proposed Budget for 2025/26 and the Proposed Membership Fees for 2025/26. Get your copy at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2025/> or by clicking on the link at the top of www.sarl.org.za

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 5 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 86. The 15 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:

22 and 23 April – The Lyrids Meteor Shower

23 April – English Language Day

24 to 26 April – The IARU 100 and Region One 75 celebrations in Paris, France

25 April – Marconi Day, International Girls in ICT Day

26 April – The SARL Saturday 40 m club contest

27 April – Freedom Day and Morse Day

CLUB NEWS:

MAY CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 10th of May 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting on Saturday the 10th of May 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 on our list for this week. Tienie ZS6MHH will be celebrating his birthday on Thursday 24th of April. Happy birthday from all of us, hope you have a great day and year ahead.

If we have missed out on 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!