

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 6th of May 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:

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

According to the online registration page, only 43 SARL members have registered to attend the AGM on Saturday 17 May, with 41 SARL members submitting proxies. That is 84 members out of approximately 1 400! The link to the registration form is available at

<https://forms.gle/yi5Td1UqWWntKXQC9>, fill in the form if you are attending in person or will be attending the AGM via Zoom (1-way stream). Where are all the radio amateurs in Gauteng?

The online Proxy form is available at <https://forms.gle/3fxaJCva18bQtGV27>. The 2025

National Convention Booklet can be found at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2025/>.

THE MAY 2025 RADIO ZS:

The SARL IT Team are busy setting up the access for Radio ZS on the mysarl website. In the May 2025 issue, you can read about amateur radio turning 100 in South Africa, while the Cape Town ARC tells us about the Morningstar remote radio station and Castles on the Air – and there are many castles in South Africa. May is also Mills on the Air month. Angus, KJ7KOJ tells us about S9Z — My First DXpedition, while Keith, ZS6HI gives us the nuts and bolts about the SARL QRP Contests. In the Museum Column, you can read about Georg von Arco - the German “Marconi!” and Woody, ZS3WL tells us about the lighthouse at the end of the world... and more

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently 4 sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a 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 87. 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:

6 and 7 May – The Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower

10 May – The May RAE

10 and 11 – Mills on the Air

11 – Mother's Day

16 to 18 May – The SARL National Convention and the Dayton Hamvention

17 May – World Telecom 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.

Need as many members as possible to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. Please bring along any unused or surplus equipment that you wish to contribute to the club. As mentioned previously we want to have a table at the Mega Flea market on the 17th of May at the SARL National Convention where we can sell the equipment to raise funds for the club. As discussed at the April club meeting we will be going through all the items donated and decide on the prices and make the final arrangements.

As usual and if we have enough members that are interested, we will end the meeting with the traditional bring and braai, so make sure you bring something to enjoy afterwards.

We will have some cold drinks in the cooler box, so make sure to bring some cash to feed the green monster!!! See you all there!

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for this week. Selwyn ZS6SEL celebrated his birthday yesterday happy belated birthday from all of us, hope you had a great day and year ahead.

If we have missed out on 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!