

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 13th of May 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 announce that the key of Johan de Bruyn, ZS6JHB went silent on Friday 8 May 2025. Johan was a member of the editing team doing the SARL news bulletins and he was also well known in the motor rally community as a radio marshal and organisers of the radio support. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Firstly, the deadlines – you have until 21:00 CAT this evening Sunday 11 May to book for the Award Dinner, the Hotel must be informed of the number by tomorrow morning. Then registration and proxies for the AGM – you have until midnight on Wednesday 14 May to submit your registration or proxy for the AGM. On Thursday, the documents will be checked to determine if a quorum will be present at the AGM for voting on the motions. The registration form and the proxy form can be found at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2025/>, where you can also get the Convention Booklet. Here you can also see who is exhibiting and who is participating in the flea market.

There will be no registration on Saturday morning before the AGM starts, register by midnight on Wednesday!

The AGM will start at 08:30 on Saturday morning 17 May. There will be coffee and tea before the time. It is estimated that the AGM will continue until 10:30. After the closure of the AGM, the mega flea market and displays will commence.

The Awards Dinner is scheduled for 18:30 for 19:00 at the Hotel and the dress is smart casual for this 100th anniversary dinner. The guest speaker for the evening is Gary Immelman, ZS6YI. And of course, there is the handing over of the various awards.

See you at the National Convention!

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SARL WEBSITE:

As many of you are aware, the sarl.org.za was the victim of a cyber-attack, that resulted in lots of spam e-mails. This was first indication that our system had been breached. In response to this we shut down the web site and the certain mail services while the breach was investigated. During the investigation it came to light that there were also other attempts to attack the system that included the possible exfiltration of members name, e-mail and SARL passwords.

Considering this, the Council was advised not to resurrect the old sarl.org.za server, but rather re-direct to the new web site, that has by far better security because it is deployed on an up to date and security patched system with the necessary security enhancements. This was done in the best interests of all members. To enable us to interact, we switched sites without warning, and we apologise for this, but it was necessary. We are in the process of migrating pertinent content from the old to the new, and this will take some time. Please bear with us during this period.

To access the new site, you can either go to sarl.org.za or mysarl.org.za, you will see lots of information on the page to try and showcase what we as amateurs do. The Ham Portal requires you to register and fill in your details and verify your e-mail address, at which point the SARL will update your status from pending to member, etc. Please give a little time for this process as it requires us to check and allocate the correct status to your profile.

Once your status has been updated, please log in and update your profile by adding your call sign and club at the bottom of the profile page. When updating your status, you will be added to the Forum, where you can log in with the e-mail address you registered with in the Ham Portal. Click the forgot password option, where you can fill in your e-mail address again and request a password to the forum. Moving forward we will be adding features to the site, this will take some time. We will be prioritizing the work, so please be patient.

SARL COMMUNICATION MAILING LIST

The SARL Secretary is busy setting up a mailing list on Groups.io for the distribution of the weekly SARL News Bulletins as well as SARL Communications from Council to members. You will receive an invitation from Groups.io to join this mailing list, please accept the invitation and join the distribution list. SARL News will then be delivered to your inbox.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 4 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 113. 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:

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

17 May – World Telecom Day

20 May – The SARL turns 100 and the ZS Amateur Radio Day

CLUB NEWS:

MAY CLUB MEETING:

Corrie ZS6CDB to give feedback of the May club meeting:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for this week. Mike ZS5M will be celebrating his birthday on Wednesday the 14th. 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.

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!