

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 20th of May 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Corrie ZS6CDB, 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.

We start this bulletin with news of a silent key:

Our popular friend and KARTS club member Tienie Herbst ZS6MHH's logbook was closed today, May 20 and his key is now silent. He was at home, with his family members with him as well as other relatives.

KARTS members will remember that Tienie demonstrated some of his electronic projects at our club meetings. We always thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated his knowledge and company. He could state his point of view very well and explain things in a way that everyone could understand.

Our deepest condolences are expressed to those who must now take the reins: His wife - Annemarie, eldest son Hentie, second son Pieter as well as youngest son Francois. There are two grandsons, three granddaughters and the daughters-in-law, Ronel, Leonie and Rene.

SARL NEWS:

THE SARL COMMUNICATION MAILING LIST:

The SARL Secretary sent out an invitation to 1 569 e-mail addresses to join the Groups.io mailing list for the weekly SARL News Bulletins and SARL Communications from Council to members. To date, 419 members have responded to the invitation. Please look for the invitation in your inbox or spam folder and respond to it. SARL News will then be delivered to your inbox.

2025 SPACE SYMPOSIUM DATE ANNOUNCED:

AMSAT SA has announced that the 2025 Space Symposium will be held on Saturday 2 August 2025 and has issued the first call for papers. The theme of the symposium is "Embracing 68 years of space science innovation in Amateur Radio."

Papers are invited covering all aspects of space science and communication impacting and enhancing the Amateur Radio experience, from the technical to operational aspects. Presentations are typically 30 minutes with a 10-minute Q&A. Send proposals in MS Word to admin@amsatsa.org.za by Sunday 15 June 2025.

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To enable as widest possible audience to participate, this symposium will be held online on the Webex platform. Sponsorship opportunities are available, send an e-mail to admin@amsatsa.org.za for details.

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 to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a moderate high to probability for C- and M-class solar flares. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 58. The 10 to 15 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:

28 May – The Sandton ARC Power Hour

29 May – Ascension Day

31 May – The West Rand Boot Sale

CLUB NEWS:

JUNE CLUB MEETING:

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

As mentioned previously we need to do some tower maintenance as part of the June club meeting. We will have to start the maintenance much earlier and can't wait till 14h00 to start as we will not have enough time to complete the work. It's therefore proposed to start around 09h00. Please save the date and be on the lookout for more info regarding this.

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have no birthdays or anniversaries on our list for this week.

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 and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!