

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 27th of May 2025.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Anton ZS6WG, 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:

NEWS FROM THE SARL OFFICE:

To streamline communication and keep up with popular communication mediums, the SARL NARC office now has a WhatsApp number. This replaces the 011 Telkom landline number. The new WhatsApp line can be used for text messages, voice messages, or to call the office, all during office hours, of course. Add the following Vodacom number to your contact list: 072 023 5995. The VoIP line is still in place for normal call use: 087 822 1464.

THE RESULTS OF THE MAY RAE:

The results of the May 2025 RAE were communicated with the candidates on Saturday 17 May. Noel, ZR6DX, the RAE Manager informed SARL News that seventy people paid to write the exam, but seventeen of these people did not arrive at an exam centre. Forty-eight candidates passed the exam with five candidates not making the grade. Well done to the successful candidates and all the best to the candidates for the November exam.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently 9 sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a moderate 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 64. The 30 to 15 m bands may 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

1 to 3 June – Shavuot

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POWER HOUR TECH TALK:

Your personal invitation to join the Power Hour Tech Talk this coming Wednesday 28 May 2025 at 17:30 UTC. Our VIP DXpedition guide, Keneth LA7GIA, will be live from Norway to take us on a wild ride to the many exotic, often extremely dangerous and very rare DXCC locations to which he has done solo and group DXpeditions, as well as some very exciting upcoming DXpeditions, such as Bouvet Island and Peter One Island.

Come along to hear all about these nail biting adventures, as well as what it takes to get them done safely and to get home again afterwards, which is obviously never guaranteed.

The Tech Talk will take place this coming Wednesday evening at 17:30 UTC via Zoom, with the audio relayed onto the ZS6STN 145,700 repeater and its interconnected repeaters and associated Echolink and Allstar nodes.

Do not have Zoom, no worries, you can simply type zoom into your browser and join the zoom meeting directly from your browser using the following details. The Zoom meeting ID is 837 66 25 9117 and the passcode is 196 448. Listen carefully while I repeat them. The Zoom meeting ID is 837 662 59 117 and the passcode is 196 448. If you still missed the details, please grab a copy of the bulletin or visit your local social media pages, as this one you do not want to miss.

Everyone is welcome, so please spread the word, be sure to sign your indemnities and then join the Power Hour Tech Talk this coming Wednesday evening, 28 May 2025 at 17:30 UTC with Kenneth, LA7GIA, for an amazing, interactive and nail-biting experience.

THE WEST RADIO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FLEA MARKET:

Gear, Grub, and Good Times (No License Required)! Ready to pick up some radio gear, chat with fellow geeks, and chow down on a lekker wors roll? Then don't miss our flea market on 31 May, where the deals are hot, and the drinks are cold! Bring your friends, grab a snack, and dive into the world of ham radio with fellow enthusiasts. It's a relaxed atmosphere, full of great bargains and even better company!

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:

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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 by Anton ZS6WG and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!