

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 3rd of June 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 Ted Smook, ZS2TED, went silent on Wednesday the 28th of May 2025. Ted was a member of the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society for many years. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends

THE SARL APPOINTS A NEW RAE MANAGER:

Noel Hammond, ZR6DX has made the decision to step down as the RAE Manager after nine years of excellent service to the SARL. The Council thanks Noel for his service to the League.

Donovan van Loggerenberg, ZS2DL will take over the portfolio of RAE Manager from Sunday 1 June 2025. The handing over between Noel and Donovan will take place on Saturday 7 June. Council wishes Donovan all the best as RAE Manager.

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 VOORTREKKERS TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF AFRIKAANS WITH ZS100AFR:

On 8 May 1925, Afrikaans, alongside English and Dutch, was officially recognised as a national language. To commemorate this occasion, the Voortrekkers registered the call sign, ZS100AFR and they will be on the air at various events throughout South Africa for the rest of the year. On Saturday 7 June 2025, the three Voortrekker Commandos in Alberton will broadcast from Alberton during a community outreach from 08:30 to 10:00 CAT. If any Voortrekker Commando, or an amateur on behalf of a Commando, would like to use the call sign during the year, please contact Gerhard, ZS6CRS.

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THE JUNE 2025 RADIO ZS

The June 2025 issue of Radio ZS will be available on the Radio ZS page at <https://mysarl.org.za/radio-zs-archives/> this evening. We look at the impact of radio frequency noise on communication and ask why we aren't retaining our new amateurs. Have you tried slow scan TV? Build an ultra-simple 2-metre coat hanger antenna; or look at the ionosphere. The International Telecommunications Union is celebrating 160 years; and you can visit the 6146 family of tubes. And much more in this issue of Radio ZS.

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 slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C 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 75. 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:

1 to 3 June – Shavuot

5 June – World Environment Day

8 June – World Oceans Day

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.

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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!