

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 10th of June 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.

SARL NEWS:

SILENT KEY:

It is with deep regret that we must announce that the key of Martin Macdonald, ZS6MJH, went silent on Monday the 2nd of June 2025 after a long illness. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

SARL COMMUNICATION MAILING LIST:

The SARL Secretary has set up a mailing list on Groups.io for the distribution of the weekly SARL News Bulletins and SARL Communications from Council to members. The initial invitation was sent out on 12 May to 1 569 e-mail addresses. To date, 488 members have responded and are receiving the weekly SARL News bulletins via e-mail. Council will also use this mailing list for SARL Communication e-mails.

On Thursday 5 June, the Secretary again sent out an invitation to join the SARL Communications mailing list. Please respond to the invitation in your inbox. Perhaps also check your spam folder.

FUTURE AMATEUR RADIO GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE PAYLOAD PROJECT:

AMSAT-DL in conjunction with the European Space Agency (ESA) has invited AMSAT organisations to participate in their Future GEO initiative. This initiative is a direct response to increasing global interest in amateur satellite communications and aims to inspire new generations through access to space-based amateur radio platforms with the following objectives:

- To support innovative amateur radio communication techniques, including wideband and narrowband transponder configurations.
- To provide a flexible experimental platform for SDR, regenerative transponders, and educational outreach.
- To foster international cooperation among amateur radio societies, space agencies, academic institutions, and industry.
- To expand the amateur radio footprint to underserved regions, considering optimal GEO coverage scenarios.

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AMSAT SA is taking part in the Geo initiative and is inviting radio amateurs in South Africa to join a discussion on the project on Monday 16 June at 20:30 on the AMSAT Webex platform. To receive the link, send an e-mail to geo@amsatsa.org.za with your contact details and e-mail address to be used to join the video conference.

The discussion will be of both a technical and operational nature including what modes would we like to see on the new satellite. Can South Africa contribute to the technical systems development and the ground sector? Find more information www.amsatsa.org.za

You are listening to a news bulletin of the South African Radio League.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 8 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 102. 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:

14 June - World Blood Donor Day
15 June – Father's Day – a very important day!
16 June – Youth Day and the SARL Youth QSO Party
17 June – World QRP Day

CLUB NEWS:

JUNE CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 21st of June 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting on Saturday the 21st of June 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

The tower maintenance that was planned as part of the June club meeting have been postponed for the time being. We will be sharing more information regarding foxhunting and how it works and equipment requirements.

Need as many members as possible to come and enjoy the afternoon with us. 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. Barry ZS6OY celebrating his birthday on Friday the 13th of June, 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.

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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 and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!