

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 17th 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:

On Friday 13 June, SARL HAMNET Gauteng along with all his friends and colleagues paid tribute to Thomas Mostert, or Tommie as he was known, ZS6THM. Tommie was a long-serving member of SARL HAMNET who was always ready to assist if he was called upon. He was a biker as well and the club that he rode with also assisted by escorting the hearse to the church along with SARL HAMNET who managed the traffic to the church.

Tommie was also loved by everyone at the company where he worked and the company was closed so that all the employees could attend Tommie's memorial service. Tommie's key fell silent on Sunday 1 June at the church where he collapsed just after singing the Lord's Prayer. He leaves behind his wife, two teenage daughters and a very big circle of friends and colleagues who all miss him dearly.

THE 2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION:

The 2026 SARL National Convention will be held in Port Elizabeth on a date and at a venue still to be decided. The event will be hosted by PEARS.

SARL RESPONDS TO DRAFT NATIONAL RADIO FREQUENCY PLAN 2025:

The SARL has submitted its comments on the draft plan. By and large the plan does not change the amateur radio frequency allocations. However, the SARL has requested clarity on full access to the 160-metre band (1 820 to 2 000 kHz) which was allocated to the Amateur service in South Africa on 30 March 2015.

The 40,675 – 40,685 MHz band was omitted from the plan. It was allocated for propagation studies and is listed in the table of amateur radio allocations in the 2015 regulation gazetted on 30 March 2015.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the low to moderate solar activity levels are going to continue during the week. There are currently 8 sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a low to moderate

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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 59. The 30 to 15 m bands may provide some DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

21 June – The Winter Solstice @ 02:40 UTC

25 June – Sandton Power Hour Technical Talk

27 June – The provincial schools close

27 to 29 June – Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen

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.

We will be sharing more interesting information regarding foxhunting and how it works and equipment requirements.

Need as many members as possible to come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

As usual and if we have enough members that are interested, we will end the meeting with the traditional bring and braai, so make sure you bring something to enjoy afterwards.

We will have some cold drinks in the cooler box, so make sure to bring some cash to feed the green monster!!! 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. John ZS6JRH celebrating his birthday on Friday the 20th 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.

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!