

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 5th of August 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 KEYS:

It is with deep regret at we announce that the key of PC Snyman, ZS6KVF went silent on Wednesday 23 July 2025. We extend our sincere condolences to his son Christo, family and friends.

PAUSE

THE 28TH INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND (ILLW):

The International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend will take place from 00:01 UTC on Saturday 16 August to 23:59 UTC on Sunday 17 August. Started in 1993 by the Ayr Amateur Radio Group in Scotland as the Northern Lighthouse Activity Weekend, ILLW now coincides with many countries' honouring of lighthouses each August. The event is not a contest and participation is free. Each station's operators decide on which bands and modes they will operate, there are no restrictions on antennas or power and each station must be operated in compliance with the operator's license. Amateur radio operators are encouraged to enjoy the event and make as many contacts as possible. Listen out for ZR3VDK/1 from Doringbaai, ZS1BK from Cape Columbine, ZS1CT from Green Point, ZS1PZ from Slangkop Point, ZS1CRG from Cape Point, ZS1WRC from Cape Hangklip, ZS1OAR from Danger Point, ZS100SARL from Cape Agulhas, ZS1ERZ from Ystervarkpunt, ZS1SKR from Cape St Blaize, ZS1SMP from the Cape Seal in Plettenberg Bay, ZS0SPL from Cape St Francis and ZS6PS from Tugela Bluff. Complete information, including registration, guidelines and a current list of participants can be found at <https://illw.net/index.php>.

As an extension of the previous, take note of an award available around the time of the ILLW. The Anniversary of the three Polish Lighthouses 2025: Czołpino, Rozewie II, and Krynica Morska – The award aims to celebrate the anniversaries of the three lighthouses. It is organized by the Pomeranian Branch of the Polish Amateur Radio Union. The call signs to look for are SN150LHC, SN150LRN and SN130LHK. The timeframe is 9 to 17 August 2025. Operations will be with 3 special event call signs and on bands 160 to 6 m including the WARC bands, 2 m, 70 cm as well as satellite and repeaters. Information and applications for the award is online <https://ot09.pzk.org.pl/akcje/2025LH/3LH.php> until 31 December 2025.

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RADAR HILL REPEATER – POLOKWANE:

It is with great excitement that we announce another new repeater on the air this week! The Soutpansberg Amateur Radio Club (ZS6SPB) is being revived, and this initiative is being driven by Thinus ZS6TDS, Hendry ZS6HCO, Willem ZS6WAB, and Karel ZS6WN. It all started by applying for a repeater license, which the West Rand Club sponsored, also donating a duplexer towards the Radar Hill repeater in Polokwane. This new repeater can be heard on 439,100 MHz, with an input 7,6 MHz lower on 431,500 MHz. An 88,5 Hz CTCSS tone is required, and coverage reports are welcomed. The next step will be a possible link to the well-established Sandton ZA All-Star network. Well done, Hendry, Thinus, and the team! We wish you great things ahead for amateur radio and the Soutpansberg Club in Polokwane.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the low 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 but 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 82. 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:

7 and 8 August – International Cat Day
9 August – Women's Day and the SARL YL QSO party.
10 August – the SARL HF digital contest
12 August – International Youth Day.
12 and 13 August – the Perseids meteor shower.
16 August – the SARL Youth QSO party
16 and 17 August - the International Lighthouse Weekend

CLUB NEWS:

AUGUST CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting on Saturday the 9th of August 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

We will continue with our quest to conquer the elusive fox. So come and enjoy the afternoon with us as we learn more about all the ins and outs of foxhunting, equipment requirements and everything else we need to know in order to have a successful foxhunt.

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!

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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 by Stephen ZS6SKY and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!