

Good evening, it is Tuesday 26th of August 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:

UPDATE ON THE ORION SCHOOL ARISS CONTACT:

Here is an update on the Orion Primary School ARISS contact. ARISS has rescheduled and confirms that the event will take place on Friday, 29 August 2025, at 09:35 UTC which is 11:35 CAT. HF transmissions will be made on this coming Wednesday and Thursday, using the call sign ZS9LSO. Enquiries can be passed on to Gerhard, ZS6CRS, via e-mail to zs6crs@gmail.com

SARL MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The 2025/26 Membership invoices have been sent out and the SARL thanks all the members who have renewed their membership. If you have not yet renewed your membership, visit <https://mysarl.org.za/membership-rates/> to get the SARL Bank details and the amount you need to pay. Please use your call sign as the reference when doing the EFT.

SEPTEMBER RADIO ZS:

The Editor is busy with the September issue of Radio ZS and is looking for articles for publication. There are articles being prepared covering the Tugela Bluff lighthouse weekend and the ZS1ERZ Pico balloon. The Secunda Pico balloon team is busy with their article. Where are the other lighthouse stations? Thanks to Chris, ZS6GM; Eddie, ZS6BNE; Woody, ZS3WL and Heather, ZS5YH for their articles. Send your article in MS Word or OpenOffice Write to radiozs@sarl.org.za. The closing date is Thursday 28 August.

THE OCTOBER RADIO AMATEUR EXAM:

The October 2025 Radio Amateur Exam will be written on Saturday 18 October at various exam centres around the country. The closing date for registration for the October RAE is Friday 5 September 2025. Do not wait until the last moment to get your registration and the supporting documents to the RAE Team. Visit <https://mysarl.org.za/rae-radio-amateur-examination/> for all the information.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels during the week. There are currently 5 sunspot regions with simple 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 51. 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:

27 August – the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

29 August – the Alberton Orion Primary School ISS contact

30 August – the West Rand boot sale

WEST RAND BOOT SALE:

You are invited to Join us at the West Rand ARC for our exciting Flea Market/Boot Sale on Saturday 30 August! Come and explore everything on offer! Find those hidden treasures or come and sell some of your own. Delicious wos rolls and a variety of cold drinks will be on sale. Enjoy socializing with fellow amateurs and friends. The gate opens at 10:00 CAT for refreshments, breakfast, and socializing. Vendors are welcome to set up shop at 11:30 CAT. To book a stand and table, contact the club at info@zs6wr.co.za. The Clubhouse is located at the end of Kroton Street, Weltevreden Park. You can also search for “West Rand Amateur Radio Club” on Google Maps

CLUB NEWS:**SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING:**

The September club meeting is scheduled for the 13th of September but both the chairman and vice chairman is not available. We will put up a poll on the WhatsApp group for member to vote for a proposal to move the September club meeting to the 6th of September. So please vote and make your voice heard.

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 Anton ZS6WG and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!

