

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 4th of November 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 announce that Gus Winter, ZS2MC, became a Silent Key on Monday, 27 October 2025. Gus was a member of the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society for many years and joined the SARL in 1985. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

PAUSE

SARL AWARDS AND TROPHIES:

The nomination forms for the various SARL awards and trophies are available from the SARL website, as are the forms for submitting a motion or a point of discussion at the 2026 AGM. Visit <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2026/> to get the forms. Please complete the forms and obtain all required signatures on one document. The closing date for award nominations, motions and points of discussion is midnight on Saturday, 31 January 2026, and they must be sent only to secretary@sarl.org.za.

DIARISE THE DATE FOR THE 2026 SARL TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM:

The 2026 SARL Technical Symposium will be held on Saturday 11 April 2026, with the theme "Amateur Radio: a techno experience with no limits." The symposium will be presented virtually on the AMSAT SA Webex videoconference platform, allowing national and international participation.

Technology has been part of amateur radio from its early years and has followed a journey of innovation in all aspects of communication. The 2026 SARL Technical Symposium will focus on developments over recent years and what may lie ahead.

Proposals for papers are now invited. Presentations are typically 30 minutes long, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session. Longer slots can be arranged. Send a short summary of the proposed presentation in an MS Word document to sarlsymp2026@amateurradio.org.za by 30 January 2026.

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RAE NEWS:

All successful candidates from the October Radio Amateur Examination who submitted their documents have had their licence applications filed with ICASA. This was confirmed by the SARL RAE Manager Donovan van Loggerenberg, ZS2DL.

ICASA has committed to issuing the licences as soon as possible. Once the SARL receives them, they will be e-mailed to candidates. Candidates are reminded that the SARL agreement with ICASA allows new operators to go on the air as soon as they receive their exam results and call signs, even before the licence document arrives.

The SARL has also received a letter of appreciation from the newly accredited group in the West Rand. Writing on behalf of the candidates, Reginald Nolan, ZS6NAR, thanked the SARL and the RAE Manager for their support and professionalism throughout the process. He wrote, "We are sincerely grateful for the guidance and dedication shown during our RAE journey. The SARL's clear communication, mentorship, and commitment to excellence made the process smooth and inspiring. We gained not only the required knowledge, but confidence and pride in joining the amateur radio community."

He continued, "From the first assessments to the marking and communication of results, Donovan van Loggerenberg, ZS2DL, provided fast responses, steady support, and excellent organisation. His efforts ensured a seamless experience and a rapid turnaround of results. We are deeply appreciative."

PROPAGATION REPORT:

No propagation report was received, the news@sarl.org.za e-mail is not working as it should and Hannes, ZS6BZP is struggling to get the report to the News Team.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

4 and 5 November – The Taurids Meteor Shower

8 November – The West Rand Flea Market

9 November – Remembrance Day

11 November – Armistice Day

17 and 18 November – The Leonids Meteor Shower

WEST RAND FLEA MARKET:

Get Ready to Trade! The West Rand Amateur Radio Club Boot Sale is Back! Mark your calendars! The next West Rand Boot Sale is happening on Saturday, 8 November! It is the perfect opportunity to snag those hard-to-find components, sell your excess gear, or just socialise with fellow radio enthusiasts.

10:00: Gates open for pedestrians. Come grab a refreshment, socialise and scope out the best spots before the trading frenzy begins! At 11:30, Vendors are welcome to set up shop. Get your tables ready for the crowds! Do not miss out! For stand bookings and more information, email info@zs6wr.co.za. See you there!

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CLUB NEWS:

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 8th of November 2025. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting on Saturday the 8th of November 2025 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

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We will continue with our foxhunting experiments. After the mixed results and success of our Fox hunting learning progress at our October club meeting we will be building more on our learnings. 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!

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have three birthdays for the week. Alvin ZS6ASK celebrating his birthday today and then Anton ZS6WG celebrating his birthday on Friday the 7th and Leigh-Anne Anton's XYL celebrating his birthday on Saturday. Congratulations 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!