

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 18th of November 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:

SILENT KEYS:

Keith Duffield ZS5KAD passed away Sunday 9 November 2025. Unfortunately we don't have more info, but we know he battled cancer for the last year or so. We received the news via the 4x4 community forum where he was a well-respected member.

Tony Beckett call sign ZR1TT passed away on Friday 6 November due to ill health. He was a member of the Cape Town radio club where he received an award for service to ham radio. He was a student of the late Buddy McCallum ZS1MP class at Fish Hoek high school and was well known for his collection of period radios (and lots of other radios) by persons around and outside of South Africa. He will be sorely missed by all.

It is with sadness that Boland ARK announces that Eddie Dry ZS1EJD passed away on November 8. Sympathy is extended to his wife Ena and only daughter Leatitia and two grandsons, Werner and Christiaan.

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SARL AWARDS, COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND MOTIONS:

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.

In terms of Rule 16.9 of the Constitution and Rules, 50% of the Councillors will step down at the 2026 AGM. A retiring member may offer himself for re-election only if he is proposed and seconded as provided for in these rules. The Nomination form to serve on Council is available at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2026/>.

The closing date for award nominations, motions, points of discussion and Council nominations is midnight on Saturday, 31 January 2026 and they must be sent only to secretary@sarl.org.za.

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SARL HAMNET MEMBERSHIP:

It has come to the attention of Council that Rule 29.1 of the SARL Constitution and Rules is not being adhered to. Rule 29.1 states that a member of SARL Hamnet must be a member in good standing of the League as provided for in these rules. Such a person shall cease to be a member of SARL HAMNET if he no longer is a member of the League. This rule makes it clear that membership of SARL Hamnet is linked to membership of the SARL.

THE IARU REGION 1 - DECEMBER 2025 YOTA MONTH:

December is YOTA Month when several youngsters from Member Societies will become active on the air with YOTA as suffix in the call signs. From 00:00 UTC on Monday 1 December to 23:59 UTC on Wednesday 31 December 2025, international YOTA stations, operated by young amateurs in their teens and early 20s, will attempt to make many contacts worldwide with each other. This event is aimed at our young generation and is an excellent opportunity for clubs to get youngsters on the air who are interested in or want to find out more about Amateur Radio.

It is not a formal contest, but a way to get our current young amateurs on the air contacting hundreds of other youngsters around the world. The SARL will register the special call sign ZS9YOTA on the YOTA website for use by Clubs and individuals during the month of December. All radio amateurs are welcome to enjoy a QSO with the youngsters. Please note that some of them are new to the radio hobby, while others are more experienced.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 7 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class, a moderate probability for M-class and a low to moderate probability for further X-class solar flares.

If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 114. The 10 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun, especially in the early mornings and late afternoons. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

17 and 18 November – the Leonids Meteor Shower
21 and 22 November – ZS4AFV at the Maluti Military Fair
22 November – the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
26 November – the Sandton Power Hour Technical Talk
29-30 November – the CQ WW CW Contest

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CLUB NEWS:

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING:

The December club meeting and year end function is scheduled to take place on Saturday the 13th of December close to the 16th of December that is a public holiday. We would like to ask the members if we should keep it on the 13th or move it to the 6th of December. We will be running a pole, so please use your vote and make your choice. The pole will run from tomorrow to next week Monday the 24th with the outcome to be announced on the bulletin next week. We will then ask members who will be attending and how many people will be attending in order for us to finalize the catering arrangements.

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have two birthdays on our list for this week. Blackie ZS6FL celebrating his birthday on Wednesday the 19th and the next day Thursday the 20th it's the birthday of Neil ZS6WHY. Happy birthday from all of us hope it's a great day and year.

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!