

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 13th of January 2026.

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 must announce that the key of Philip Grobler, ZS1PB has gone silent. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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.

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 forms for the various awards and to serve on Council is available at <https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-agm-2026/>. Please complete the forms and obtain all required signatures on one document. 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. DO NOT wait until Friday 30 January 2026, do it now.

Power Hour Tech Talk:

Are you curious about digital radio, or eager to learn more about D-STAR? Then do not miss out! Mark your calendars for 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 28 January 2026 and join us for the very first Power Hour Tech Talk of the year! We are thrilled to welcome our renowned guest, Dick, ZS6BUN who will guide us through a fascinating Digital D-STAR Primer.

Whether you are a seasoned operator or just starting out, this session promises to spark your interest in this amazing digital mode. D-STAR or Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio lets you connect with operator's worldwide using digital voice and data.

Want to know more? Spread the word, set a reminder and join us on Zoom for an evening of discovery and inspiration. Do not miss this opportunity - Power Hour Tech Talk, 19:00 CAT on 28 January. See you there!

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PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity for the week is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently 9 sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C-class and a low to moderate 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 76. The 10 to 30 m bands may, in the early mornings and in the late afternoons, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

14 January - Provincial schools open

17 January - The Delta Cancrids Meteor Shower

CLUB NEWS:

JANUARY CLUB MEETING:

Three focus points was identified for the year:

- Tower maintenance that is planned to take place at the May 2026 club meeting
- Fox hunt to takes place towards the end of the year after completing the learning and fine tuning the equipment needed
- Investigate a possible Pico balloon launch as a club project

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday and one anniversary on our list for this week. Stephen ZS6SKY and Elaine celebrating their anniversary today and then on Monday the 19th John ZS6LS will be celebrating his birthday. Congratulations from all of us!!!

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!