

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 31st of March 2026.

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:

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 2026 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Registration for the 2026 SARL National Convention has been open for some time. Have you registered? If you wish to follow the AGM on the virtual platform, you must register to receive the access link. If you are attending in person, registration is essential so we can account for the number of gift bags required. Visit the SARL website and click on "AGM" to access the registration form. The 2026 SARL National Convention Booklet and the electronic proxy form will be made available on Thursday, 2 April 2026.

ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL:

Rule 16.11 states that councillors elected at an AGM shall hold office for a period of no longer than two years but will be eligible for re-election after that period. At the end of every year of office subsequent to this amendment, 50% of the elected councillors shall stand down alternately, but may stand for re-election.

Therefore, at the 2026 Annual General Meeting in Port Elizabeth on Saturday 2 May, five Councillors will stand down. On 31 January 2026, the SARL Secretary received eight nominations for the five vacancies and Rule 16.6 comes into play. All SARL Members who are eligible to vote must vote for five of the eight candidates. Voting will open at 00:01 CAT on Thursday 2 April and close at 23:59 CAT on Friday 24 April 2026.

The link to the Council election page can be found on the AGM page on the MySARL webpage. Fill in your call sign and your email address and click on 'Send OTP.' The system will send you a one-time password (OTP) which you enter on the page; you will then be taken to the election page. Select a maximum of five (5) of the names you would like to serve on Council and submit your vote.

THE 14TH ANNUAL YOUNGSTERS ON THE AIR SUMMER CAMP:

The IARU Region 1 Youth Committee, together with the Österreichischer Versuchssenderverband (ÖVSV), is pleased to announce the 14th annual Youngsters On The Air (YOTA) Summer Camp, this time in Austria. As announced during the closing ceremony of the 13th YOTA Summer Camp in Jambville, France, the event will take place in Wagrain, Austria, from 25 July to 1 August 2026.

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Once again, we look forward to welcoming motivated youngsters from across IARU Region 1, together with guest teams from Regions 2 and 3, for a week of international friendship, learning and amateur radio activities. Each team may consist of one team leader (aged 18–30) and up to four team members (aged 15–25). The deadline for submitting the preliminary application is at 00:00 UTC on Friday 1 May 2026. The deadline for the nomination of participants is at 00:00 UTC, Sunday 24 May 2026.

Are you between 15 and 25? Would you like to represent South Africa at the 14th Youngsters On The Air Summer Camp in Austria? Contact Guy Eales, ZS6GUY, at guyeales.ge@gmail.com so that the process can be started.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels during the week. There are currently 7 sunspot regions with simple to slightly complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high 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 102. The 30 to 10 m bands may, especially 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:

2 to 5 April – The Sandstone Cosmos Festival
2 April – The 2026 National Convention Booklet made available
3 April – Good Friday
4 April – The Pretoria Boot Sale
5 April – Easter Sunday
11 April – the SARL Technical Symposium and the Africa FT4 Contest

THE PRETORIA BOOT SALE:

The Pretoria Flea Market will be held on Saturday 4 April at 16 Catherine Street, Shere, in Pretoria East. Sellers can set up from 09:00 and business starts at 10:00. Contact Almero, ZS6LDP, on mobile 083 938 8955 or email almerodps@gmail.com to book your table.

CLUB NEWS:

APRIL CLUB MEETING:

Please save the date 11th of April 2026. We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting on Saturday the 11th of April 2026 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for this week. Connie ZS6CGV will be celebrating his birthday on Saturday the 4th of April. Happy birthday from all of this!!!

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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!