

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 7th of April 2026.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Stephen ZS6SKY, 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:

THE 2026 SARL NATIONAL CONVENTION:

On Wednesday 1 April 2026, the SARL Secretary uploaded the following documents to the SARL website - the 2026 SARL National Convention Booklet, the Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2025 (Motion 1 in the AGM Booklet) and the SARL Online Voting for Councillors. The link for the proxy form has also been activated.

When you go to <https://mysarl.org.za/> you will see AGM (click there to get the above documents) and Election (where you cast your vote for the Council vacancies). Thank you to the 102 members who have already cast their votes.

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. If you cannot attend in person or via the virtual platform, please ask someone to carry your proxy form. Voting on the AGM motions will take place at the AGM and you need to be part of that process.

THE 27TH IARU REGION 1 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 27th IARU Region 1 General Conference will be held from 19 to 22 September in Vienna, Austria. The 100th anniversary of the Austrian Society will be celebrated during the conference. The event will be an 'in-person' meeting with online streaming of the Plenary and Committee 3 meetings. All Member Societies are invited to submit papers for consideration by the Conference. The template for the papers is available from the SARL Secretary at secretary@sarl.org.za.

The conference is made up of Committee 2, dealing with finances; Committee 3, which looks after general administration and organization matters; Committee 4, which deals with HF matters; Committee 5, which deals with VHF/UHF and Microwave matters; Committee 7, which deals with Electromagnetic Compatibility matters; and Committee 8, which is the Youth. There are also several Working Groups: Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), Amateur Radio Space Experiment (ARSPEX), High-Speed Telegraphy (HST), Emergency Communications, the Political Relations Committee (PRC), the Spectrum and Regulatory Liaison Committee

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(SRLC), Support to the Amateur Service (STARS), and the programme for Disabled Radio Amateurs (PDRA).

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels during the week. There are currently 11 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 86.

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:

- 11 April – The SARL Technical Symposium
- 7 April – World Health Day
- 8 April – Provincial Schools open
- 11 April – the SARL Technical Symposium
- 17 April – the May RAE Registration Closes
- 18 April – World Amateur Radio Day.

CLUB NEWS:

APRIL CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our monthly club meeting for April this coming Saturday the **11th of April 2026** at our **clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards.**

The plan is to continue our debate about piko balloons. Did you read the articles that Connie ZS6CGV sheared with us? If not you still have time before the club meeting on Saturday so hurry up and don't get left behind!!

We will also continue with our foxhunting experiments if time allows. 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.

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:

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for this week. Jenny XYL of Barry ZS6OY will be celebrating her birthday on Wednesday the 8th of April. Happy birthday from all of this!!!

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 Stephen ZS6SKY and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!