

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 5th of May 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:

SILENT KEY:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Seppie (Joseph) Jooste, ZR1JOJ went silent during Tuesday evening 28 April. We extend our sincere condolences to his brother and sister.

THE 2025/26 SARL ANNUAL REPORT:

The 2025/26 SARL Annual Report was sent out by e-mail on Friday evening 1 May and is available on the AGM page on the mySARL website. You are invited to read it and absorb all the exciting information shared in it.

THE SARL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, opened the meeting at 09:00 CAT and welcomed everybody at the 2026 AGM at the Willows Resort And Conference Centre and members on the Zoom platform. Kevern Burger, ZR2BK, the Chairman of PEARS welcomed all delegates to Port Elizabeth and the National Convention. The last time PEARS arranged the Convention was in 2010. There are 1 487 SARL members entitled to vote, 49 members were present at the meeting holding 251 proxy votes = 300 or 20,2%. 37 members were registered to attend by Zoom. The youngest member at the meeting was ZR1CZ, age 16 and the oldest member was ZS2R, age 79. The youngest member to submit a proxy is ZS1JUA, age 13 and the oldest member is ZS1AK, age 91. The average age is 59.

Motions 1 to 6 were approved by the meeting with no votes against or abstentions. Motion 7 was not carried. The results of the voting for Council were released. The following members were elected for the next two-year term – Rassie, ZS1YT; Chris, ZS6GM; Gary, ZS6YI; Noel, ZR6DX and Dennis, ZS4BS. The lucky draw for the HF Radio was won by Karel, ZS6WN. The Centurion ARC have offered to host the 2027 SARL National Convention.

At the first meeting after the AGM, the following appointments were made:

President: Guy Eales, ZS6GUY,

Vice-president: Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT,

Treasurer: Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB

Secretary: Dennis Green, ZS4BS.

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The SARL Secretary will send out a summary of the AGM during the week.

THE MAY RADIO ZS

The May Radio ZS is ready for download from the mySARL website.

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 8 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a moderate 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 69. The 10 to 30 m bands may in the early evenings provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

6 and 7 May – The Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower

10 May – Mother's Day

15 to 17 May – The Dayton Hamvention

16 May – The May Radio Amateur Exam

CLUB NEWS:

MAY CLUB MEETING & TOWER MAINTENANCE:

We are looking forward to enjoy our May monthly club meeting, on Saturday the 9th of May 2026 at our [clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards](#).

As per the feedback received last week after the analysis that was done on Monday the 27th of April, the tower maintenance that was planned as part of the May club meeting was put on hold. We will discuss the next steps and formulate an action plan. We will also continue with the balloon project and do the same to ensure we reach our goals.

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, Selwyn ZS3SEL celebrating his birthday today. Happy birthday 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 by Stephen ZS6SKY and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!