

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 12th of May 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 NOTIFICATIONS AND NEWS ITEMS:

You are once again reminded to submit Silent Key notifications and news items to news@sarl.org.za. In this way, the bulletin compiler for the week will receive the items. Please **DO NOT** send news items via WhatsApp to Dennis, ZS4BS—this is not the news inbox!

Regarding contest results: the news team does not require the full list of results for the bulletin. What is required is the name of the contest, the number of logs received and the first three places. That is all. Please send these to news@sarl.org.za.

THE MAY 2026 RADIO ZS:

The glitch on the website has been repaired and the May 2026 issue of Radio ZS has been uploaded to mysarl.org.za. Read about the journey from FT8 to CW, the ZS100SARL and the 2025 SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party, an All-Band Emcomm Go-Kit and the 3Y0K expedition and return.

We look at the GM Pole Antenna, the RaDAR Sport Tracker and optimized Moxy antennas for the 2, 6 and 10-metre bands and ask, "Why RaDAR?" Stewart, ZR1WT, discusses telemetry via repurposed WSPR for Pico Balloons; we look at vintage amateur radio and Shacks On The Air. We visit the m'Bashe lighthouse and, in the Museum Piece, we look into the suitcase in the THE MAY RAE NEXT SATURDAY

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PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels during the week. There are currently 4 sunspot regions with simple magnetic configurations visible. There is a moderate to 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 74. 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.

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

15 to 17 May – The Dayton Hamvention
16 May – The May Radio Amateur Exam
17 May – World Telecom Day and the ZS3 QSO Party
20 May – The SARL's 101st birthday and World Bee Day

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CLUB NEWS:

Corrie to give feedback and update of the May club meeting:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have one birthday on our list for this week, Mike ZS5M celebrating his birthday on Thursday 14 May. 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!