

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 26^h of May 2026.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Gert ZS6GFS, 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 KEYS:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Norman Perelson, ZS2RI went silent on Tuesday 12 May and the key of Neels van Eeden, ZS1OB, went silent on Friday 22 May 2026. We express our sincere condolences to their family and friends.

60 METRE RELAYS:

How about trying the 60-metre band for the relay of SARL News and Amateur Radio Today? Is there someone who would be willing to do such a relay? If you are willing to test 60 metres, contact the SARL Secretary

THE MAY RAE RESULTS ARE OUT:

Donovan, ZS2DL, the SARL RAE Manager reports that the May RAE is a thing of the past and the candidates have now all received their results, 6 days from date of exam! 80 candidates wrote the exam on Saturday 16 May and we now have 66 new Amateurs. Well done to these guys and gals. If you have received a call sign with your results, welcome to the air.

If you have not received a call sign with your results, it means that there are outstanding documents that have been requested multiple times. Once you have submitted the documents, you will receive your call sign. For those who did not make the cut, do not lose hope and try again in October.

Work for the October RAE begins on Monday 25 May. My thanks go out to the whole RAE team, from Kelley and Noel to every invigilator, tutor and HF assessor! Without you guys this would be an impossible job.

Amateur radio is the only fail-safe communication in the world and that is the way that it is.

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THE ZS95VTS SPECIAL EVENT STATION:

The Voortrekker Movement is commemorating their 95th anniversary in 2026. As part of the commemoration, a special call sign, ZS95VTS, has been acquired which will be activated from Pretoria on 30 May 2026 during a Radio Speech badge course for youth members in high school presented by Gerhard, ZS6CRS. Broadcasts will begin at 09:00 on 7,095 MHz. There will also be a SSTV broadcast on 7,175 at 10:30 as part of the course presentation. The broadcast will be repeated for 5 minutes. For further information, contact Gerhard, ZS6CRS, via e-mail at zs6crs@gmail.com. Please also use the e-mail to confirm receipt of the SSTV image as well as the quality of the image and the broadcast. This format is Scottie 1.

A BRIEF UPDATE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S PICO BALLOONS:

ZS1AFB-1 was last heard from 4 days ago. Its last transmission reported its location in the Indian ocean after 8 laps of the world. The ZR1WT-6 launch was planned for 10:30 CAT yesterday, weather permitting. It will be transmitting in 10m band on channel 25.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity for the week is expected to be at low levels. There are currently 6 sunspot regions with simple magnetic configurations visible. There is a moderate 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 64. The 15 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun in the early evenings. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 May – Power Hour Tech Talk

30 May – The West Rand Boot Sale

THE WEST RAND BOOT SALE:

You are invited to join us at the West Rand Amateur Radio Club for our exciting flea market / boot sale on Saturday 30 May at the Clubhouse at the end of Kroton Street, Weltevreden Park - search for "West Rand Amateur Radio Club" on Google Maps. Come and explore all on offer! Find those hidden treasures or come sell some of your own. Delicious Wors Rolls and a variety of cold drinks will be on sale. Enjoy socializing with fellow amateurs and friends. The gate opens at 10:00 CAT for refreshments, breakfast and socializing. Vendors can set up shop at 11:30 CAT. To book a stand and table, contact the Club at info@zs6wr.co.za

CLUB NEWS:

JUNE CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our June monthly club meeting, on Saturday the 13th of June 2026 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. Please save the date!!! See you all there!!!

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have no birthdays or anniversaries on our list for the week.

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 Gert ZS6GFS and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!