

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 16th of June 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 KEY:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the key of Joseph (Joe) Katzman ZS6TB went silent on 7 June 2026. Joe, a Pharmacist from Springs, was a well-known and beloved member of the East Rand Branch and the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club. We will fondly remember his voice on the 2-metre repeater in the mornings and during Sunday morning bulletins. He was a regular attendant of the PARC veteran's breakfast events, and will sincerely be missed. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Selma, his daughter Andy and sons Darren and Gary. You will sincerely be missed.

AMATEUR RADIO INDUSTRY NEWS:

ITU Industries of Indiana, which earlier this year acquired the Hy-Gain and Cushcraft antenna lines from MFJ Enterprises, Inc., has now added Ameritron and Mirage amplifiers to its inventory. ITU CEO Dave Carpenter had previously indicated there might be other MFJ brands acquired as the company completed renovation of a closed National Guard Armoury on a 15-acre site in Linton, Indiana. MFJ stopped on-site production for MFJ and its sister companies on 17 May 2024, and included such well-known brands as Ameritron, Hy-Gain, Cushcraft, Mirage and Vectronics.

HF BEACONS:

The IARU Region 1 HF Beacon Coordinator is working through the HF Beacon List, available at <https://hfbeacons.wordpress.com/hf-beacons/>. Excluding ZS6DN, part of the NCDXF series of beacons, only two other South African beacons appear in the list – ZS6SRL on 60 m WSPR and ZS0BOT on 40 m CW.

If you are running a beacon on HF, please provide the HF Beacon Coordinator with the following information: - beacon frequency and call sign, QTH and grid square, the power output, the antenna and antenna direction, and the mode and hours of operation. Send the information to hf_beacon@iaru-r1.org

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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 5 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 65. The 30 to 15 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoons. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

17 June – World QRP Day
20 June – The AWA Open Day
21 June – Winter Solstice and Fathers' Day
26 June - Provincial Schools close

AWA OPEN DAY:

The AWA will be having an open day at the SAIEE Museum on Saturday 20 June from 10:30 CAT. Bring along any old items you want to dispose of or just come along for an eyeball QSO. Boerie rolls will be on sale. The address of the SAIEE is 18a Gill Street, Observatory

CLUB NEWS:

Call Corrie ZS6CDB to give feedback and update of the June club meeting:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have two birthdays on our list for the week. Cindy XYL of Jacques ZS6MAV celebrating her birthday today and then John ZS6JRH celebrating his birthday on Saturday the 20th of June. Congratulations from all of us, hope you have a great day!!!

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!