

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 14th of July 2026.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Anton ZS6WG, 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 regret that we announce that the key of Mike Otgaar, ZS2AQ, of Paradise Beach near Jeffrey's Bay, went silent in the early hours of Sunday morning, 5 July 2026, at the Humansdorp Provincial Hospital after suffering a stroke. Mike was first licensed in May of 1975 as ZR2AQ. After some time away from the hobby, he was encouraged to return following the passing of his XYL, Lyndah. He retook and passed the RAE on his first attempt, ultimately returning to the airwaves as ZS2AQ, where he found great satisfaction operating on HF. Our deepest condolences go out to his son Vaughan Regnart and his aunt, Ilka Otgaar

BEACON AND REPEATER NEWS:

Custodians of beacons and repeaters are requested to check the status of their beacons and repeaters on <https://mysarl.org.za/repeaters/>. Please send any changes and comments to secretary@sarl.org.za by Friday 31 July 2026.

THE EAST RAND RADIO CLUB AND THE INTERNATIONAL ROVER MOOT IN AUGUST:

The East Rand Radio Club would like to inform radio amateurs in South Africa and the region that the Club will be using the callsigns ZS9YOTA and ZS6ERB during the upcoming International Rover Moot. The event will run from 1 to 8 August with the amateur radio portion on Sunday 2 and Monday 3 August. Contacts are planned on forty metres with stations across the country. We will be operating on forty metres but will move to higher bands if necessary. We will be on the air on Sunday and Monday between 09:00 and 16:00.

We would like to contact Rovers (Senior Scouts) in the Western Cape and other provinces, especially those who are unable to attend the Rover Moot. The Rover Moot is like the Scout World Jamboree and takes place every four years. This year it will be coming to South Africa in August, more specifically to Arrowe Park in Benoni.

We are looking for volunteers on the East Rand to help us on Sunday and Monday, as well as stations across the country to help with contacts between Rovers and Pathfinders. There are still 27 days left. Get involved! Contact Stephen, ZS6SKY at 082 568 4019 or Wayne, ZS6ORB at 079 167 2925.

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PICO BALLOON NEWS:

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DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

20 July – International Moon day

21 July – Provincial Schools Open

CLUB NEWS:

JULY CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our July monthly club meeting, this coming Saturday the 18th of July 2026 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. Please save the date!!!

We will continue with the balloon project and If anybody is busy with a project or has just completed a project, please bring it along and do a bit of show-and-tell.

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:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We one birthday on our list for the week. Gert ZS6GFS celebrating his birthday tommorow. Happy birthday from all oof us, hope you had a great day!!!

If we have missed out on your big day, please contact any committee member to update our records

ADDITIONAL NEWS:

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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 Anton ZS6WG and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!