

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

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:

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.

PICO BALLOON NEWS:

ZS6SRC-37 on Channel 104 on 10 m, after completing two circumnavigations of the earth, is presently in the Pacific Ocean near South America. It has been aloft for 29 days and has travelled 100 735 km. ZS6SRC-84 on Channel 465 on 20 m, after twelve days and 28 333 kms is in the mid-Atlantic Ocean after spending many days over Brazil, South America and just taking its time!

ZS6SRC-85 on Channel 532 on 20 m, after travelling only 5 040 kms was last heard from 6 days ago, having just arrived over Australia. ZS6ZU-11 on Channel 424 on 20 m, after travelling 13 880 kms was last heard from 4 days ago in the mid Pacific Ocean heading towards South America.

PROPAGATION REPORT:

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Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels during the week. There are currently 6 sunspot regions with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C and a 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 99. The 30 to 15 m bands may provide some DX fun, especially in the late afternoons. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

28 and 29 July – The Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower

29 July – The Power Hour Tech Talk

1 August – The AMSATSA Space Symposium and the ZS6PTA Flea Market

2 and 3 August – ZS9YOTA from the African Rover Moot

9 August – Women's Day

10 August – A public holiday

IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR LEAKER FEEDER AND OTHER TRUE STORIES:

This is a reminder to invite a friend and join the Power Hour Tech Talk this coming Wednesday evening at 19:00 CAT where our special guest and communications guru, Henry, ZS6IIX, will be taking us on a deep and dark communications journey. Grab your hard hats, put on your boots and take along your handy talky as we search for the light at the end of the tunnel.

This Power Hour Tech Talk will follow the evolution of underground communications and provide you with so many interesting facts that you will be the hero at your next braai. Not only will you learn about leaky feeders, but Henry is going to throw in DMR and Wi-Fi at no extra cost. What an awesome trip this is going to be.

Your place is reserved so please ensure you are appropriately attired and logged on to Zoom or an interconnected repeater by 19:00 CAT this coming Wednesday evening 29 July. To gain access to this unique experience you will need the following credentials, the meeting ID is 853 0134 3276 and the passcode is 304951. We have limited space in the lift but can still manage to accommodate a few more adventurers on our journey into the depths. Go ahead and spread the word.

PRETORIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FLEA MARKET:

You are invited to join the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club for their next flea market and boot sale on Saturday 1 August 2026, at their New Clubhouse at 16 Catherine Street, Shere, Pretoria East. Come and enjoy socializing with fellow amateurs and friends. Other Amateur Radio Clubs are also welcome to come and sell Amateur related equipment and to market their clubs. Bring the whole family. There are Padel courts, a Restaurant with a special HAM menu and playgrounds for the grandchildren. Starting time is 09:00 for sellers and 10:00 for buyers. To book a stand and table, contact Almero du Pisani, ZS6LDP on 083 938 8955 or send an email to almerodps@gmail.com. See you on Saturday 1 Augustus at our flea market and boot sale in Pretoria.

CLUB NEWS:

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AUGUST CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our August monthly club meeting, on Saturday the 8th of August 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:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have no birthday and one anniversary on our list for the week. Pieter ZS6TP and his XYL Barbara will celebrating their wedding anniversary on the 29th of July and Pieter will be celebrating his birthday on the 31st of July. Congratulations from all of us!!!

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 Gert Zs6GFS and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for having listened!