

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 8th of September 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 the Cape Town ARC must announce that the key of Friedrich "Fred" Ziss, ZS1FZ / DJ3VV has gone silent. We extend our sincere condolences to his daughter Eva, his grandchildren in Germany and friends.

It is deep regret that the Gauteng ARC must announce that the key of Victor Singh, ZS6DOC went silent on Friday 4 September. We extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends

THE OCTOBER RADIO AMATEUR EXAM:

The October 2026 Radio Amateur Exam will be written on Saturday 10 October at various exam centres around the country. The closing date for registration for the October RAE is Tuesday 15 September 2026. Do not wait until the last moment to get your registration and the supporting documents to the RAE Team. Visit <https://mysarl.org.za/rae-radio-amateur-examination/> for all the information.

CLUB AFFILIATION:

It has been noted that thirty-five Clubs have paid their affiliation fees for 2026/27, thank you! There are thirty-seven Clubs that have not yet paid their affiliation fees. What is worrying is that some of these Clubs are hosting examination centres. No affiliation, no examination centre! The SARL Secretary has the list of Clubs, contact him at secretary@sarl.org.za. Thank you to the Clubs who responded to the SARL Communication.

PICO BALLOON NEWS:

ZS6WBT-1, as of Friday, is mid-Atlantic and should have reached South Africa by Friday and completed its first circumnavigation of the Earth yesterday. It is flying aboard the larger Windreiter balloon at an average altitude of 15.5 km and has covered 34 057 km over 18 days.

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PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels during the week. There are currently 4 sunspot regions with simple 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 47. The 30 to 15 m bands may especially in the late afternoons provide some DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

11 to 13 September – Rosh Hashanah

15 September – October RAE registration closes

18 to 24 September – the IARU Region 1 General Conference

CLUB NEWS:

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING:

We are looking forward to enjoy our September monthly club meeting, on Saturday the 12th of September 2026 at our clubhouse in Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh from 14h00 onwards. Please save the date!!!

We will continue with the fox hunt antenna and Pico balloon the projects. 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 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!