

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

Good evening, it is Tuesday 13th of October 2026.

This is **ZS6KTS**, being operated by Corrie ZS6CDB, with the weekly news bulletin of the Kempton Park Amateur Radio Technical Society.

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SARL NEWS:

CQ HOU KOERS - VOORTREKKERS CELEBRATE 95 YEARS:

On 17 October 2026, the Voortrekkers will be back on the air – and this time we will not just be listening... we will also be receiving an image via radio waves! Listen out on 7,063 to 7,100 and 7,130 to 7,200 MHz between 09:00 and 12:00 CAT on Saturday 17 October. The message from the Voortrekker Leader will be broadcast at 10:00 CAT on 7,095 MHz.

From 10:15 to 10:30 CAT, the Voortrekkers' 95th commemorative logo will be broadcast as an image in SCOTTIE1 mode on 7,171 MHz. The image will be broadcast at intervals of approximately two minutes. Young people, bring your mobile phones! Download the Robot36 app from the Play Store in advance. Your challenge is to pick up the radio signal with your phones, decode it and watch the logo appear on your screens. Did you successfully receive the image? Share it on Facebook! We would like to see which groups across the country were able to receive the image. We ask that all radio amateurs who receive the transmission please e-mail the image to zs6crs@gmail.com, including their QTH and call sign. For any enquiries, please contact Gerhard, ZS6CRS at zs6crs@gmail.com.

If any Voortrekker Commando would like to use the Voortrekkers' special 95th anniversary call sign, ZS95VTS, on this day, please contact Gerhard, ZS6CRS on zs6crs@gmail.com. 95 years later we are still on course – even over the radio waves!

MONITORING AIRCRAFT USING AN ADS-B RECEIVERS ON 1 090 MHZ:

If you have such a receiver, you may be interested in <https://map.flights> which reports on aircraft. You may already report your data for example to FlightRadar24 and may be interested in also reporting to map.flights - check out <https://map.flights/pair> for the details.

PICO BALLOON NEWS:

ZS6WBT-1, now 54 days into its journey and with 73 839 km travelled, is cruising along at around 130 km/h over the south of Brazil and should start the Atlantic Ocean crossing towards South Africa in the next day or so. Its reported telemetry indicates an altitude of 15,84 km, temperature of -36° C and a solar panel voltage of 4,35 v.

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JAMBOREE ON THE AIR AND JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET ON 16 TO 18 OCTOBER:

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet are the world's largest radio and digital Scout event, promoting friendship and global citizenship. The event takes place every year in October. It is a great opportunity for Scouts and Scout groups to take part in an international jamboree. JOTA/JOTI 2026 takes place from Friday, 16 October to Sunday, 18 October. Scouts from around the world can join in over the internet or amateur radio, take part in activities and learn about one another's countries. JOTA/JOTI is open to Scouts and Guides of all ages.

The largest JOTA gathering in Gauteng will be at Arrowe Park in Benoni. SARL HAMNET Gauteng and members of the East Rand Club will be supporting the Scouts with numerous radio related activities. One of the challenges identified, is finding JOTA stations to talk to. The Scouts have a tool that can be used, called Radio Scouting Network, <https://app.radioscouting.network/>. We would like to request that all radio amateurs who are assisting Scout groups next weekend register their stations on the Radio Scouting Network and use the tool to arrange and coordinate radio skeds

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity for the week is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently four sunspot regions with simple to 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 70. The 15 to 30 m bands may, especially in the early evenings, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

DIARY OF SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

16 to 18 October – Jamboree on the Air

17 October – The BACAR-14 launch and CQ Hou Koers

THE 2027 SARL DIARY OF EVENTS:

The draft 2027 SARL Diary of Events is available for download from the League website, go to Special interest groups and click on the first menu item - SARL Diary of Events. Please have a look at the Diary and provide the SARL Secretary with information on your Club's events, special event stations, etc. Please send the information to secretary@sarl.org.za by Saturday 31 October 2026.

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CLUB NEWS:

Call Corrie ZS6CDB to give feedback of the October club meeting:

Call Jacques ZS6MAV, for any AMSAT feedback and update:

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

We have no birthdays or anniversaries 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 and compiled by Corrie ZS6CDB. Thank you for having listened!