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Good evening it is Tuesday the 17th of April 2018.

This is **ZS6KTS**, operated by Martin ZS6BZM with the weekly news bulletin of the Kempton Park Amateur Radio Technical Society.

Kindly note that this bulletin is being transmitted on both the 2m and 70cm Kempton Park Repeaters on 145.6625 MHz and 438.925 MHz.

EchoLink users may connect to ZS6KTS-R or node 8041, in order to listen to and participate in the weekly news bulletin.

After the bulletin, we will have a Round Robin for those who are interested.

You are welcome to comment on tonight's news bulletin

Welcome to everyone on frequency. Please stay tuned for some interesting SARL and Club news items.

SARL NEWS

BIGGEST ATTENDANCE AT THE 2018 SARL AGM IN PRETORIA:

The 2018 SARL AGM was opened at 09:17 on Saturday 14 April 2018 by Nico, ZS6QL, the SARL President. Colin, ZS6COL, presented the registration information and mentioned that the League has 1 590 paid up members of which 107 members were present at the meeting and they carried 244 proxies giving 351 votes. This is 22,2% of the membership. The 107 members present is the highest attendance in a very long time.

The meeting stood for a moment of silence in memory of the silent keys. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted and ZS6GM presented the financial report, the budget for the next year and the new subscriptions. All three items were accepted by the meeting. The subscription rates for 2018/19 has not been changed. Invoices will be sent out in May 2018.

The nine motions lead to some discussions by the meeting. The result of the motions is – Motion 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. Amendments to Motion 4 and 6 were adopted. Motion 5, 8 and 9 were withdrawn and Motion 7 was lost.

Louw Erasmus, ZS6LME, Chris Turner, ZS6GM, Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT, Dennis Green, ZS4BS and Glynn Chamberlain, ZS6GLN were elected to Council and will serve until the 2020 AGM.

At the first Council meeting of the new Council, Nico, ZS6QL was elected as president, with Chris, ZS6GM as vice president, Cliff ZS6BOX, as treasurer and Dennis, ZS4BS as secretary.

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The members spent the afternoon looking at the displays and buying amateur radio equipment and parts from the dealers and the flea market at the venue. Eddie, ZS6BNE, completed a FM QSO via the AO-91 satellite and then a SSB and CW QSO via the AO-7 satellite from his portable station at the AGM.

UP AND COMING CONTESTS:

The Autumn QRP Contest runs from 12:00 to 15:00 UTC on Saturday 21 April 2018 with SSB and CW activity and power of 5 watts (PEP) output or less. There are no antenna restrictions and a station may be worked once per band per mode. The first hour is limited to the 40-m band only, the remaining two hours the contesters are free to use any HF (non-WARC) band as they see fit.

The exchange is a RS(T) and your Grid locator. Logs in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel format with a summary sheet and labelled "my call sign QRP Contest," shall be submitted by 28 April 2018 by e-mail to contest@sarl.org.za.

The ZS4 Sprint is a fun activity to promote contacts between radio amateurs in the Free State and radio amateurs in Southern African countries and takes to the air from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC on Sunday 22 April 2018. This is a phone and CW contest on the 40-metre band with SSB activity between 14:00 - 15:00 UTC on 7 063 - 7 100 and 7 130 - 7 200 kHz and CW activity from 15:00 - 16:00 UTC on 7 000 to 7 040 kHz

THE 2018 AMSAT SA SPACE SYMPOSIUM:

Early bird bookings for the AMSATSA Space Symposium to be held on 19 May at the innovation Hub in Pretoria is now open. Visit www.amsatsa.org.za and take advantage of the early bird booking.

Wednesday 18 April is World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) <http://www.iau.org/world-amateur-radio-day.html>, this year marking the 93rd anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), founded in Paris in 1925. Each year, WARD celebrates Amateur Radio's contribution to society.

"World Amateur Radio Day is an opportunity for our Member Societies to show our capabilities and promote the use of Amateur Radio, both on the air and through social media," IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, said. "It is a celebration of what the Amateur Radio Service has brought to the public over the years, and of our ability to provide communication to assist others in times of crisis."

Amateur Radio experimenters were the first to discover that the shortwave spectrum, far from being the wasteland "experts" of the time considered it to be, could support worldwide propagation. In the rush to use these shorter wavelengths, Amateur Radio was "in grave danger of being pushed aside," the IARU's history has noted. Amateur Radio pioneers met in Paris in 1925 and created the IARU to support Amateur Radio around the globe.

Two years later, at the International Radiotelegraph Conference, Amateur Radio gained the allocations still recognized today - 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 metres. The IARU has been working to defend and expand Amateur Radio frequency allocations ever since.

From the 25 countries that formed the IARU in 1925, the IARU has grown to include 160 Member Societies in three regions. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Northern Asia. Region 2 covers the Americas, and Region 3 is comprised of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific island nations and most of Asia.

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The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has recognized the IARU as representing the interests of Amateur Radio.

"I wish all amateurs a fantastic day of celebration of Amateur Radio, encourage everyone to get involved and, most of all, to have fun!" IARU President Tim Ellam said.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Autumn QRP Contest, this Saturday

ZS4 Sprint, Sunday 22 April

AMSAT SA Symposium on 19 May

PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to remain at very low levels. There is currently only a tiny sunspot visible and no flaring activity is expected. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around one. The 15 to 30 m bands may provide lots of DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

CLUB NEWS

APRIL CLUB MEETING:

The April club meeting coincided with the SARL National Convention taking place over the weekend from 13 to 15 April. The club decided to attend the SARL AGM as a club and members not interested in attending could join in the fun by listening in on the SARL AGM from the club house.

Corrie ZS6CDB opened the club house at 08:30 closely followed by Johan ZS6NJJ. By 09:00 we had a station up and running ready to listen in on the SARL AGM that got going a little time later. We had a couple of members that joined in the fun. We also had a couple of members that pop in that could not stay but came along just to say good day and join in the fun for a little while.

We also had a visitor from Cape Town Ian Stanbridge ZS1OSK. He was on route to the awards dinner to receive the Jack Twine Merit Award. Also at the awards dinner, Honorary Life membership of the SARL was bestowed on Nico Jansen van Rensburg ZS6QL, and Don ZS6SSR also received the Jack Twine Merit Award both club members of KARTS. Congratulations to you and thanks again for flying the KARTS flag high.

We had a great day at the club house with lots of fun.

Feedback from Stephen, is that five KARTS members attended the AGM, namely Don ZS6SSR, John ZS6JNG, Mike ZS6AI, Stephen ZS6SKY & Tami ZS6MOZ, the meeting was interesting and the displays and flea market provided some exercise for the afternoon.

BACAR TECHNICAL MEETING:

Members, we need to start the ball rolling with BACAR 2018

Stephen and Tami are planning to get together one evening in the next week or so at the Club house, in order to discuss our plans for Bacar 2018, this year we will further engage with the Reginald Cingo School in Kroonstad as

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well as possibly a second school in the area, we will assist their learners in building a space ready payload based on the Pic Axe platform, if you are interested in coming on board and assisting with the project, please check our forum in the next few days and contact our team leader Tami ZS6MOZ or Stephen ZS6SKY Technical Lead.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

There are no Birthday's or Anniversaries for this week.

If we have missed out on your big day, either a birthday or anniversary please contact Lucia ZS6LO our club secretary 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.

SWOP SHOP:

Club member Tim ZS6IM is selling up his collection of olden day radio's.

A description of the radio's will become available this Thursday evening, with pictures and details becoming available on our website, thereafter, the items will be advertised on the PARC and SARL Swop Shops.

If interested please contact Stephen on 082 568 4019.

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, compiled by Stephen ZS6SKY and read by Martin ZS6BZM

Thanks for listening