

ZS6KTS NEWS BULLETIN

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Good evening it is Tuesday the 1st of May 2018.

This is **ZS6KTS**, operated by Corrie ZS6CDB 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:

YOUNG SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO AMATEURS INVITED TO APPLY FOR YOTA 2018:

South Africa will host 80 young Radio Amateurs from 34 countries in Europe, Africa and parts of the Middle East, for a week-long international event from 8 to 15 August 2018. This is the first time that YOTA (Youngsters-on-the-Air Summer Event) is presented in South Africa and hosted by the South African Radio League (SARL). Applications are now invited for the South African Team and anyone aged between 16 and 25 is invited to apply for selection as a team member and participate in this amazing amateur radio event.

"This annual event creates, in addition to amateur radio, the opportunity to learn about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill as well as learning new radio communication and technical skills", says SARL President, Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL.

YOTA brings together young radio amateurs under the age of 26 who have a passion for amateur radio and technology to learn new skills, discuss and share ideas about amateur radio and its future. This year's camp will not just focus on teaching individual skills but look at empowering the group to become mentors and transfer the skills they have learned. The week-long programme includes building a radio transceiver kit, becoming involved in launching and tracking of a high-altitude balloon with various radio equipment on-board, hone their communication skills using multi-frequency amateur radio stations and other technology and communications-based activities.

To be considered for selection in the South African team, visit www.zs9yota.co.za, complete the online application in full and submit before 30 May 2018. The SARL YOTA Team Selection Committee will notify successful applicants by 17 June 2018.

Full details about the 2018 event can be found on www.zs9yota.co.za. For additional information contact the team at info@zs9yota.co.za. Radio Amateurs and companies can become involved in YOTA 2018 by financially contributing. For banking and PayPal details visit www.zs9yota.co.za. Support the future of amateur radio.

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PROPAGATION REPORT:

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to remain at very low levels. There is a single sunspot visible, but 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 two. The 15 to 30 metre bands may provide lots of DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5 May – The SDR Workshop at the NARC and the AWA Valve AM QSO Party
6 May – The AWA Valve SSB QSO Party
13 May – Mother's Day
19 May – AMSATSA Space Symposium
20 May – The ZS3 Sprint

BOOK NOW FOR THE SDR WORKSHOP ON 5 MAY:

The next workshop that will be looking at what antennas to use for the project and other interesting aspects of the project will be presented at the SARL National Amateur Radio Centre on Saturday 5 May. Get a registration form and details on www.amsatsa.org.za. This is a joint SARL/AMSAT SA project with special rates for members of both organisations. Non-members are also invited.

Vince Harrison will discuss various antennas and their characteristics. Do not miss this opportunity. To assist with catering please register by 3 May 2018, or better still, do it today. You can also download the registration form and check your registration details www.sarl.org.za

AMSATSA SPACE SYMPOSIUM 19 MAY:

Register now for the AMSATSA Space symposium to be held at the Innovation Hub in Pretoria on Saturday 19 May 2018. Exiting papers and demonstrations will be presented. There are also some great attendance prizes to be won. Sam's Radios has donated a Diamond X-5000 2 m/70 cm/23 cm Base Station Antenna, a UHF Power Amp 1 - 6 Watts in and 10 - 25 Watts out as well as a MFJ-914 Auto Tuner Extender. Avnet has donated four PIC32MM Curiosity Development boards.

To check out the programme and other prizes and to register, point your browser to www.amsatsa.org.za.

CLUB NEWS:

MAY CLUB MEETING:

We are still planning a club outing to Hartbeeshoek. The minimum requirement is 20 people, we have not had any response from Hartbeeshoek as yet and will keep members posted as and when we get more info.

BACAR 2018:

The BACAR Team for 2018 had the 1st meeting at the Club House on Wednesday 25 April, Stephen ZS6SKY please gives us more feedback.

As an alternative to the Hartbeeshoek outing we will use the May club meeting to plan BACAR 2108.

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CONSTRUCTION KITS IN STOCK:

We have the following kits in stock and for sale

1 x Fox hunt

1 x Field strength

1 x Power supply

4 x Clock & Temperature

If you are interested in obtaining any of these kits please contact Barry ZS6OY the club treasurer for prices.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

This week we have one member on the list, 5 May is the birthday of Selwyn ZS6SEL now residing in division 5. Hope you have a great day and wonderful year ahead of you, from all your friends at KARTS. 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.

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SWOP SHOP:

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

If interested please contact Stephen on 082 568 4019 also consult our web site for the full list of items.

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, compiled and read by Corrie ZS6CDB.

Thank you for listening!

ZS6KTS which was operated by Corrie ZS6CDB relinquishing the frequency for normal use.

We will now continue with the round robin for those who are interested.