



Kempton Park Amateur Radio Technical Society

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Newsletter

Hi everyone

We just wanted to give you feedback on our March AGM and club activities planned and happening at **KARTS** well the new committee was elected, Stephen is the new Chairman, with Corrie as Vice Chair, Barry stayed on as Treasurer and we have a new comer Tami as our Technical Manager. Johan continues as echolink custodian and web master.

The Secretary position is still open, so if you can assist with this, please contact us.

KARTS members Stephen & Tami took part in the CQ WPX Contest on Saturday 30 March.

Band conditions on 15 & 20 meters were fairly poor, with 20 meters improving later in the afternoon, there were many pile ups on 20 meters and it was very difficult to make contact with other stations.

The team managed to make 6 contacts, this included stations in Uganda, Reunion Island and Thailand.



Weekly Bulletin:

Tuesday nights @ 20H00 on both of the official repeaters.

- 2 M : 145.6625 MHz FM
(CTCSS 88.5Hz)
- 70 cm : 438.9250 MHz FM
(CTCSS 88.5Hz)

The theme for this year is “**Lets Play Radio**” and if I might add to that, lets become “**Radio Active**” This club has lost its MoJo, we’ve lost the “Technical” part of our hobby, so lets try to be more active this year, lets start doing more things “together” lets put the FUN back into our Hobby.....

Team Building Activity

KARTS is planning a team building outing, it will kinda be new technology vs old technology



We'll be embarking on this Reef Steamers train trip to Heidelberg in May, the trip will cost approx. R500-00 per person, this includes the trip on the Gautrain from Rhodesfield station to Marboro Station on the Gautrain (New Technology) in order to transfer to another Gautrain train, taking the group to Park Station, from where we'll depart together on the (OLD Technology) train.

The idea is to take some radios with us, and possibly operate from the train and also where we will be picnicking from in Heidelberg.



For more info, please visit: <https://www.reefsteamers.com/>

More info at our April Club meeting on 13 April



4 April SARL 80m QSO Party

The first leg of the SARL 80 meter QSO party is taking place this Thursday evening, 17:00 to 20:00 hrs UTC on 3603 to 3650 kHz and 3700 to 3800 kHz.

KARTS members can take part in their personal capacity.

The first RADAR Challenge for 2019 takes place on Saturday 6 April from 00:00 UTC to 23:59 UTC, KARTS members can set their own "on Air" operating times within this 24 hr period, RADAR stands for **Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio** its portable operation, Radio, antenna, power supply and

mast must be able to be carried at least 100 meters, we'd like as many members going portable as possible, this is this coming Saturday, so start preparing now.



Club Meetings

The 2nd Saturday of every month from 14H00 onwards, at our clubhouse 58 Ysterhout Street, Birchleigh



Have you

renewed your Amateur Radio licence with ICASA? Licences expire on 31 March 2019 pay your licence today!

April Club Meeting

Don't forget our April meeting, come and find out what your club will be doing this year, be part of the action, be there or be square.

Tiennie ZS6MHH will be giving us a DEMO on how to work Fox 1B



Uplink (MHz): 435.250
Downlink (MHz): 145.960
Beacon (MHz): 145.960
Mode: FM CTCSS 67.0Hz/200bps DUV
Call sign:
Status: **Active**

Ham radio is changing, come along for the ride.

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KARTS Committee.