

Centurion Radio Amateur Club Bulletin 11th November 2018

GOOD MORNING everyone and welcome. It is 07:30 on Sunday 11th November 2018.

You are listening to ZS6CEN the official station of the Centurion Radio Amateur Club. Welcome, and many thanks for reporting in. Good morning also to our listeners.

A bulletin of news and information is broadcast every Sunday morning at 07:30 on the Centurion 2-meter repeater, which is situated at our Rooihuiskraal site, on a frequency of 145,775 MHz with a simultaneous broadcast on 40 meters, on a frequency of 7,078 MHz and on our Centurion 70 centimeters' repeater, which is situated at our Keevykop site, on a frequency of 439,050 MHz.

Your bulletin this morning is coming from the shack of BRAZZ ZR6UV. Wally ZS6BCI will be doing the relay and call in on 40 meters, and Johan ZS6CAQ will be doing the relay and call in on 70 centimeters. I will be handling any further reports after the bulletin on 2 meters. Many thanks to Wally and Johan.

You can also check out our club and its members on our Face Book page, Centurion Radio Amateur Club. If you have anything of interest, which is radio related, and would be of interest to our members, please add it to our page. Our web site, namely www.cqcenturion.org is where our bulletins are downloaded for you to access at your leisure.

The bulletin this morning has been compiled and is being read by BRAZZ ZR6UV.

In our bulletin, today we have:

- Club information
- Important Dates
- Items from the SARL.

CLUB INFORMATION:

Committee Meeting: The Committee Meeting was attended by 8 Members and the Chairman, Ken ZS6KN confirmed the register list. Our Chairman ZS6KN gave the members background information with respect to the obtaining of two Trailers being Communications on Wheels or COW's. The trailers will be equipped with Antennas, Aircon and a Generator. Dipole and Multi-Band Antennas, that will cover HF, VHF and UHF, will also be placed within the Trailer. The trailer will be parked at the grounds of Wally ZS6BCI. Ken ZS6KN stated that one of the trailers could possibly be donated to HAMNET.

Next Club Meeting and End of the Year Function: The next Club Meeting and End of the Year Function will take place on the 8th of December 2018 at which a Committee Meeting will take place between 10h00 and 10h30. The Function Activities will commence thereafter. It has been decided that a bring-and-braai will take place together with fancy crackers, salads, drinks, wines and a long table to cater for the Christmas Feeling. An end of the year Bulletin will be broadcast on the 9th of December 2018.

Repairs to our Rooihuiskraal Repeater: A visit to our Rooihuiskraal Repeater will take place two weeks after our meeting which was held on the 10th of November 2018. This means that CRAC

volunteers will thus be required to visit our Repeater site on Saturday the 24th of November at 10:00 to determine what equipment will be required to strengthen the Repeater Shed.

Projects: Johan ZS6CAQ said that the RF Amp Meter supply components are available. The idea will be a sit-down session to be held at our Club House at the February meeting. Johan ZS6CAQ will assist members to build the RF Amp Meter. Dave ZS6AZP will discuss the Single IC Radio at the next meeting. We would like to thank Richard ZS6RS for his lecture on his Van de Graaf generator.

Start of the New Year: The first Committee Meeting as well as the Club Meeting will take place on the 12th of January 2019 and a Bulletin will be broadcast on the 13th of January 2019.

General Meeting: The Chairman ZS6KN introduced Hugh who attended the general meeting. 12 members attended the meeting and the Treasurer informed that all was in order. Trophies are to be made available at our next meeting and thus distributed to trophy holders. The Chairman ZS6KN requested all members to stand to pay homage to Mannie de Beer ZS6AK who passed away (Rest in Peace). A short silence.

General: Dave ZS6AZP donated two Couches to our Hatfield Club House. The furniture is very much appreciated. Thanks to Dave ZS6AZP.

Cake and Tea: We would like to thank our ladies for the catering with respect to the presentation coffees and snacks etc. Thanks to all those members who brought the snacks.

Wednesday Evening Chat: Please join us on our 145,775 MHz repeater which we intend for discussion, at 17:30 as well as 19:30 onwards, on Wednesday 14th of November 2018 for the Wednesday Evening Chat. Let's use this opportunity to be able to discuss radio ham associated information as well as discussing new ideas related to our hobby.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

We have no Birthdays nor Anniversary this coming week.

Please contact Ken ZS6KN or Wally ZS6BCI so that your Birthday and/or Anniversary is registered at the CRAC.

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES:

14th November 2018 – The Wednesday evening chat on our 145,775 MHz repeater chat on 17:30 as well as the chat on 19:30.

8th December 2018 – The next club meeting will take place at our Hatfield Club House, at which the Committee Members will meet from 10:00 to 10:30. The Function Activities will commence thereafter.

Important SARL Dates:

11th of November – SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest.

24th of November – Newbie Sprint.

24th and 25th November – CQ WW RTTY.

8th and 9th of December – ARRL 10m.

Next week the bulletin will be read by Wally ZS6BCI. Please let him know of any items of news for the bulletin? It is important that we all share Radio Ham associated information amongst us.

Well folks, that's all for today. If you have anything you would like to add to this bulletin, please go ahead now:

We will now go over to Wally ZS6BCI for the 40-meter call in followed by Johan ZS6CAQ and thereafter I will be standing by for further reports on 2 meters. Over to you Wally

Thanks for listening and reporting in. Have a good week and take care!

Till next time, this is ZR6UV on behalf of ZS6CEN who is now signing off and leaving the frequency open for general use.