

Centurion Radio Amateur Club Bulletin 24th June 2018

GOOD MORNING everyone and welcome. It is 07:30 on Sunday 24th June 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 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:

Club Information: Ken ZS6KN indicated that in future we need to operate as ZS6CEN during Competitions. Ken ZS6KN stated that ZS6CEN have donate R500 towards SARL Youth on the Air (YOTA). This annual event brings together young people from various IARU Region-1 member societies in Africa and Europe for an entire week from the 8th to the 15th of August 2018. Funding will be provided by the SARL and generous donations from the ham fraternity.

Johan ZS6CAQ suggested that, the Amendment of the Existing rules, should be conducted in such a way that the following posts could be created: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasure, Technical Overseer, Technical Flee Market Supervisor, Club House Manager and a Social Manager. These posts will be debated at our AGM.

Ken ZS6KN said that the CRAC must utilize our members to produce a Quality News Letters which means that people should get in on the Group and help with articles for the newsletter. As far as Subs are concerned, Subs are due by the end of June to enable one to Vote at the AGM.

The AGM will be held on the 14th of July 2018 at our Hatfield Club House.
For those who will be attending the "Bring and Braai" after the AGM, the ladies will provide

salads, rolls and puddings at a cost of R25.00 for members and R50.00 for non-members to offset cost.

Notes from the Chairman:

1. **Trophies** - Please bring your trophies to the AGM for distribution – Please contact Billy ZS6WPS so that the trophies can be allocated to worthy members.
2. **IO Groups as a News Letter** – Johan ZS6CAQ has suggested that our Club would want to initiate IO Groups.
3. **Ken ZS6KN and Johan ZS6CAQ** – will collect Boxes for our Projects.
4. **Billy ZS6WPS** would like to know how many people will attend the AGM Braai. He would like the information before the end of June so that he can pass it on to Miemie & Joy. This is in respect to the Side Dishes.

Keevykop Repeater: Johan ZS6CAQ said that we are waiting for Web to install our 8 Stack Antenna array together with a 5/8 Coax. The repeater is ok but will be improved once installed.

Rooihuiskraal Repeater: Johan ZS6CAQ said that the site must be secured prior to any new cables or batteries are installed. The aspects that have to be done are as follows: Running a new Mains cable, Earth Leakage, By-passing the earth leakage for the charger. Ken ZS6KN to try and obtain Stainless Steel type mechanisms for securing the door. Once the container is secured, the internal equipment and batteries will be looked at.

Projects: Johan ZS6CAQ stated that the first project would be an RF Amp Meter for SWR/forward power setting. Johan will be managing the project and will give more information as time goes by. A Single IC Receiver will be the next Project.

Wednesday Evening Chat: Please join us on our 145,775 MHz repeater from 17:30 onwards on Wednesday 27th of June 2018 for our 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:

There are three Birthdays but no Anniversaries this coming week.

On the 25th of June it is the Birthday of Sonja Wellington sw of Stephen ZR6SFW.

On the 26th of June it is the Birthday of Dave ZS6AZP.

On the 29th of June it is the Birthday of Liz sw of Brazz ZR6UV.

Many happy returns of the day to the Birthday members.

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

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES:

27th of June 2018 – The Wednesday evening chat.

14th of July 2018 – The AGM will be held at our Hatfield Club House, at which the Committee Members will meet at 08h00 and the Members at 11h00.

ITEMS FROM THE SARL**Important SARL Dates:**

21st to the 25th June – Top Band.

1st July – ZS5 Sprint.

7th July – SARL Newbie QSO Party.

14th July – RaDAR Challenge.

14th and 15th July – IARU HF Championships and WRTC 2018.

Next week, on Sunday the 1st of July, the bulletin will be read by Brazz ZR6UV. Please let me 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 ZS6Wally for the 40-meter call-in followed by Johan ZS6CAQ for the 70cm call-in and thereafter I will be standing by for any 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 available for general use.