

Centurion Radio Amateur Club Bulletin 12th November 2019

GOOD EVENING everyone and welcome. It is 19:00 on Tuesday 12th November 2019.

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

A bulletin of news and information is broadcast every Tuesday evening at 19:00 on our Centurion 2-meter repeater, which is situated at our Rooihuiskraal site, on a frequency of 145,775 MHz with a simultaneous broadcast on our Centurion 70 centimeter repeater, which is situated at our Keevykop site, on a frequency of 439,050 MHz.

Your bulletin this evening is coming from the shack of BRAZZ ZR6UV. Ken ZS6KN and Johan ZS6CAQ will both not be able to relay call ins on 70 centimeters due to their GPF meeting attendance. I will be handling any further reports after the bulletin on 2 meters.

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 evening has been compiled and is being read by BRAZZ ZR6UV.

In our bulletin, today we have:

- Club information
- Important Dates
- Other items from the SARL.

CLUB INFORMATION:

New Matters: Yearend Function will take place on 14th of December 2019 at our Hatfield Clubhouse. The date of the function could change if too few members will be not able to attend due to it being a long weekend. RSVP by 12th of November 2019 to determine the attendance.

Project at the Club House: The construction of the Flower pot Antenna (VHF/UHF) had taken place at our Hatfield Clubhouse after the adjournment of our meeting had taken place. Members provided components and other equipment to build the Flower pot Antenna for which they donated. The construction of the first Flower pot Antenna was constructed by the members making use of the supplied equipment.

QNI Certificates: QNI Certificates will be awarded at the AGM to members who qualify. To qualify you must report into bulletins for more than 80% of bulletins which have been broadcast, either by reporting in on 2 meters, 70 cm or HF or by telephone, WhatsApp, etc during the time of the Bulletin. This runs from 1st July to 30th June every year.

Tuesday Evening Chat: Please join us on our 145,775 MHz repeater from 19:00 onwards on Tuesday 12th of November 2019 for our Tuesday 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 do have two Birthdays and an Anniversary this coming week.

On the 19th of November it will be the Anniversary of Patsy and Cobus ZS6JCH.

On the 19th of November it will be the Birthday of Kuki ZS6ABO.

On the 19th of November it will be the Birthday of Johannes Jooste ZS6JGJ.

Congratulations to our members.

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

CLUB DATES:

12th of November 2019 – The Tuesday evening chat on our 145,775 MHz repeater after the Bulletin.

14th of December 2019 – The final December Club Meeting will take place at our Hatfield Club House at which the end of the year function will take place.

Important SARL Dates

20th of November – SARL Wednesday 80m Club Sprint.

23rd of November – SARL Newbie Sprint. VHF and RF Noise Workshop.

23rd and 24th of November – CQ WW DX CW contest.

30th of November – West Rand Flea Market.

OTHER ITEMS FROM THE SARL:

A dummy load and power meter for HF? Not everyone can (or wants to) afford that paragon of dummy loads, the Bird wattmeter, or for that matter the rather cheaper but still extremely good dummy load sold by Dick Smith. And getting your hands on the parts to build the dummy loads in the ARRL handbook is not too easy either. But here is a dummy load and power meter, which you can build from standard parts, which covers the HF range and does not cost an arm or a leg.

Next week, on Tuesday 19th of November, 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: Dave ZS6AZP indicated that 40m was opening nicely and QSO's could take place to Potchstroom.

Without Johan and Ken, I will be standing by for any further reports on 2-meters:

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.