

Centurion Radio Amateur Club Bulletin 26th November 2019

GOOD EVENING everyone and welcome. It is 19:00 on Tuesday 26th 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. Johan ZS6CAQ will be doing the relay and call ins on 70 centimeters. I will be handling any further reports after the bulletin on 2 meters. Many thanks to you 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 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: Year-end 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 not be able to attend due to it being a long weekend.

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 26th 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:

There are no Birthdays nor Anniversary's.

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

CLUB DATES:

26th of November 2019 – The Tuesday evening chat on our 145,775 MHz repeater after the Bulletin.

14th of December 2019 – Year-end Function will take place at our Hatfield Clubhouse.

ITEMS FROM THE SARL

Important SARL Dates

30th of November – West Rand Flea Market.

1st of December – YOTA Month 2019.

2nd of December – Closing date VHF/UHF Analog Log States.

7th and 8th December – ARRL 10m Competition.

14th of December – Highway ARK Flea Market.

31st of December – End of 2019 YOTA.

OTHER ITEMS FROM THE SARL:

Report interference and unauthorized use of amateur frequencies: - If your transmission or repeater is interfered with by an unlicensed person (s), note as much detail as possible and report the case for investigation to the ICASA regional office in your area. By policing the amateur bands and reporting transgressions by non-licensed persons we protect the future of the amateur radio spectrum. Send a copy of your email to artoday@sarl.org.za to allow the SARL to monitor how widespread the problem is.

Great demand for GPS satellites: Since its inception, amateur radio has moved with technological developments and often led some of it, for example the application of low orbit satellites. Low earth orbits were once considered of no practical use, yet today they are in great demand for GPS satellites and the internet constellation announced by Elon Musk of SpaceX.

System Design: When new technology is developed that generates radio – frequency (RF) energy, it is essential that adequate protection of radiocommunication services be included in the system design.

For the next two weeks I will be on holiday over the 3rd and 10th dates in December 2019. It would be appreciated if a member of the CRAC could be available to compile the two Bulletins in December. Please let the member 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 Johan ZS6CAQ and thereafter I will be standing by for any further reports on 2 meters. Over to you Johan:

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.