

Centurion Radio Amateur Club Bulletin 3rd June 2018

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GOOD MORNING everyone and welcome. It is 07:30 on Sunday 3rd June 2018. You are listening to ZS6CEN the official station of the Centurion Radio Amateur Club. Welcome, and many thanks for reporting in.

A bulletin of news and information is broadcast every Sunday morning at 07:30 on the Centurion 2meter 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 KEN ZS6KN. I will also be doing the relay and call in on 40 meters and JOHAN ZS6CAQ the call in and relay on 70 centimeters. I will be handling any further reports after the bulletin on 2 meters. Many thanks to the relay stations.

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 uploaded for you to access at your leisure.

The bulletin this morning has been compiled and is being read by KEN ZS6KN.

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 try and 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:- a 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 Letter 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.

For those attending the Bring and braai (meat and dop) afterwards salads, rolls and pudding will be provided. Cost for attending the function afterwards will be R25.00 for members and R50.00 for non-members to offset costs.

Nylon Shade Cloth has been purchased to be placed against the outer fence to shield passers-by from being able to look into our Hatfield Club House during meetings and for functions after meetings.

2 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 greatly 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. There are many other protective systems which are obtainable on the market but would have to be inspected for usage.

Projects:

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

Wednesday Evening Chat:

Please join us on our 145,775 MHz repeater from 17:30 onwards on the 6th 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: Linda ZR6AWV and Egmond Schrenk have an anniversary on the 7th of June congratulation from all at zs6cen have a happy one. Please contact Ken ZS6KN or Wally ZS6BCI so that your Birthday and/or Anniversary is registered.

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES:

6th June – Wednesday evening chat.

9th of June – The next Club Meeting at our Hatfield Club House, Committee Members to meet at 10h00 and the Members at 11h00.

14th July 2018 – The AGM at our Hatfield Club House, at which the Committee Members will meet at 10h00 and the Members at 11h00.

ITEMS FROM THE SARL

60m band:

The spectrum 5 350 to 5 450 kHz is now available to all licensed radio amateurs on a shared non-interference basis, the Council is working on the 60 m band plan using Recommendation LA17_C4_REC_02 from the 2017 Region 1 General Conference as basis. Council will publish the band plan as soon as possible and then operation on 60 metres can start.

In addition, the channel 5 290 kHz has been allocated for WSPR beacons deployed in the SARL Propagation Research project and members can continue to use this frequency.

Young South African Radio Amateurs invited to apply for YOTA 2018: South Africa will host 80 young Radio Amateurs from 34 countries in Europe, Africa and parts of the Middle East, for a week-long international event from 8 to 15 August 2018. This is the first time that YOTA (Youngsters-on-the-Air Summer Event) is presented in South Africa and hosted by the South African Radio League (SARL). Applications are now invited for the South African Team, anyone aged between 16 and 25 is invited to apply for selection as a team member and participate in this amazing amateur radio event

"This annual event creates, in addition to amateur radio, the opportunity to learn about different nationalities and cultures, foster international friendships and goodwill as well as learning new radio communication and technical skills", says SARL President, Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL.

Important SARL Dates:

10th June – Hammies Sprint.

17th June – World QRP Day.

21st to the 25th – Top Band.

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Next Sunday 10th of June, the bulletin will be read by Brazz ZR6UV. Please let him know of any new items of news for the bulletin? It is important that we all share Ham Radio 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 Ken ZS6KN 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.

Thanks for listening and reporting in. Have a good week and take care. Till next time, this is ZS6KN on behalf of ZS6CEN who is now signing off and leaving the frequency available for general use.

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