

ZS6SSC BULLETIN 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

Good morning, this is the Monthly Bulletin for ZS6SSC the Southern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club, today – 10 September 2017, presented by ZR6AUI – Christo Greyling and compiled by ZS6WC – Willie Wright
This bulletin is transmitted on 145.7875 MHz, with the kind permission of ZS6HVB, The Highveld Club.
There is also a relay on 439.125 MHz with a 88.5 tone, Please be aware that a time out timer is active, HF relays to start soon on 80m on 3,7875 MHz LSB

In the news today:

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Here is the bulletin

1. 6m Repeater

6m / 70cm and 2m antenna on same feed is being built, time allowing. This consists of 3x separate ¼ wave vertical antennae on the same mounting base. This will soon be tested for repeater use.

2. HF Propagation

Over the past few weeks and even months HF propagation has been from poor to below average. Some DX has been worked on 20m in the afternoons and early evenings. Again reports from Mike ZS6MX - a 20m enthusiast – have been received. With signals from fair to good to very good. The Lower bands have improved. The 80m band is opening at 04H00 UTC (06H00 SAST) most mornings. ZS6RAD – Rad, ZS6TED – Ted, ZS6HB – Helge, ZS6BLL – Barney and ZS6WC – Willie have been enjoying good communications in the mornings with signals 5 – 9 +10 reported. It seems that 160m has gone into hibernation.

3. Shortwave Stations heard

Various broadcast stations have been heard on the following frequencies on AM: 6139MHz, 5830MHz, 8580MHz as well as Low Band Medium local broadcast Station:

702 KHz - LM Radio, 1485 KHz – Radio Today with BBC Programming mostly during early morning hours, 17.670 MHz – Radio Rumania, 15.250 MHz – China, 21.570 MHz – Bucharest and 9.650 MHz – RSG SW Service.

4. HAMNET

There seem to be a definite lack of interest in our area. What we received after our call on a previous occasion/bulletin was mostly negative. Amateurs in our listening area are active members of Community Watches, Forums and CPF units. The feeling is that this is a better way of serving the community – sad but factually true. Comments were made about the procedure used by HAMNET. I suppose it's a matter of choice as how every person would like to be of service to their immediate community.

5. Wednesday Technical Net

We will start on Wednesday 13 September 2017 20H00 SAT, transmitting on 439.125 MHz as well as a 2 way patch on the Highveld repeater on 145.7875 MHz.

Are you technically inclined or declined - Come teach or learn;
Do you enjoy digital communications – Come teach or learn;
Do you enjoy VHF and above dx and experimentation?
Do you enjoy antenna construction and experimentation? Are you a Shortwave listener? Come share your information.
Or do you just enjoy the hobby and want to associate with like minded people?
Please join us on a Wednesday night, enjoy discussions, ask questions and get answers and advice regarding our hobby.

6. The Porky Club

We ask all users of the of the 145.7875 MHz repeater to please have respect for the users of the repeater as well as the members of the long established Porky Club. Remarks have been made regarding ht club and members. If one does not agree with the ‘Modus operandi’ used by the Club and its members – please feel free to use the ‘OFF’ switch fitted to all radios. Various amateurs have been members of this Club since its inception a long time ago. This function is used when one does not enjoy the net or what is being said – once again please, please, please. Bad language should not be used as per Radio Regulations on this and all other Radio Frequencies.

7. Simplex Contact from Lydenburg

Earlier this morning Johan ZS6AF called in from Steenkampsberg close to Lydenburg, Mpumalanga on the Highveld repeater. ZR6AUI replied to his call and had a QSO. Willie ZS6WC and Johan ZS6AF had a simplex contact with signal 59+. A suspected brief opening on 2m FM vertical simplex? Well with Johan reporting in to the bulletin – height means distance, nothing to very little do with power.

You have been listening to the official bulletin of the Southern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club, transmitted on the second Sunday of each month. This bulletin is also available for download on our website.

If you require any information regarding the Southern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club or if there is any news or content you would like to be included in the next bulletin please sent this to

The Secretary: zs6wc@vodamail.co.za

Also visit our website for membership application form and Club information www.zs6ssc.co.za

This brings our bulletin to an end and we hope you enjoyed good reception and thank you for listening

2. Call-in on 2m and 70cm

2m Call-ins

ZS6JMB, ZS6AF – Steenkampsberg Lydenburg, ZS6LT, ZS6REX, ZS6SID, ZS6RF, ZS6WC, ZS6TAN,

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70cm Call-ins

ZS6JMB

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This brings an end to the post bulletin net, thank you for joining us

We release these frequencies now for general use

Good bye