

ZS6SSC BULLETIN 13 AUGUST 2017

Good morning, this is the Monthly Bulletin for ZS6SSC the Southern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club, today – 13 August 2017, presented by ZR6AUI – Christo Greyling and compiled by ZS6WC – Willie Wright

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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:

1. Silent key, it is with regret we have to announce the passing of Colin ZS6CHC on Sunday night 6 August 2017, Colin used to run the early morning net on the Highveld repeater and will be remembered by his signature sentence while closing down of the net. “ To all the Ladies and listeners out there, this is ZS6CHC wishing you all a good day and bye for now and enjoy the rest of your day ” from those who knew you Colin....,from the SSC gang “bye for now” (1 minute silence)
2. Use of the ZS6HVB repeater by ZS6SSC members.
3. Repeater use and protocol.
4. Buying Selling and trading of amateur radio equipment.
5. How about UHf net during the week
6. Membership growth
7. Repeater link discussion;
8. Call ins

Here is the bulletin

2. Use of the ZS6HVB repeater by ZS6SSC members

We are privileged to be able to use the ZS6HVB repeater for our bulletin as well as daily chats while we are mobile around the coverage area. We should conduct ourselves in such a way that we do not make ourselves unwelcome.

I heard comment about the content of our bulletin and was proud to be a member of ZS6SSC and encourage members to carry on in this manner.

3. Repeater use and protocol

On the topic of repeaters and repeater protocol: The SARL web page has a link to the IARU web page this link will bring you to operating protocol. This will make some interesting reading I am sure. I will get a copy of the section posted on our website as well.

4. Buying Selling and trading of amateur radio equipment

A warning to fellow amateurs regarding the buying and selling of amateur radio equipment on repeaters, we must be very careful as to how and who we deal in with when it comes to amateur radio equipment . If not sure find out if it is legal to sell to an unknown individual. It would not be a good thing. There is already a pirate station in the Meyerton area using a listener call sign on the ZS6SSC repeater.

5. How about UHf net during the week

We at the club would like to get a net going on the 70cm repeater, the old saying “use it or lose it”. The club with the help of Ronald ZS6RVC went through a lot of work and effort to get our repeater up and running. Please use the repeater whenever you want to, please remember the time out timer and leave gaps after each over. How about our mid week evening get together

6. Membership growth

The southern suburbs radio club is pleased to announce that are membership is growing, please visit our website. If you like what you see and have the same interests please join us. Become a member

7. Repeater link discussion;

- The 6m Band is not used to its full potential, especially in the FM mode
- There is a 6m repeater in Pretoria but has not been active in the past few months.
- ZS6WC has had better results on a 10m repeater active in the USA using FM, a 5 Element Horizontal Yagi and 100W.
- We have spoken about this project and would really get on with it...time allowing of course.
- Something as follows:
 - OPTION ONE:
 - Tx output of UHF rpt to input of 6m Rx.
 - Tx output of 6m to input of UHF rpt Rx.
 - With a lot of refinement of course.
 - If properly set up we would not need cavity filters,
 - There should be enough frequency separation to do the job of cavity filters.
 - OPTION TWO:
 - Very similar to the above but not linked to the ZS6SSC repeater.
 - Straight forward cross band repeater where one could activate the repeater on either UHF or 6m.
 - Site One: Rx - 6m input to UHF output
 - Site Two: Tx – UHF input to 6m output
 - The advantage might be that persons could activate the repeater on either inputs if need be.

The difference is that the transmitter and receiver per band have to be at two different locations....NOT A BAD THING?

Also no expensive cavity filters are needed!

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

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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

8. Call-in on 2m and 70cm

2m Call-in now please

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70cm Call-in now handled by David ZR6DLG

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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