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Die Pretoria Amateur Radioklub het 'n Vlooiemark aangebied op die 21ste Julie, asook 'n Vlooiemark en die Algemene Jaarvergadering op die 25ste Augustus. Meer hieroor in hierdie uitgawe van Watts.

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Club Meetings / Klub Vergaderings

Club Committee Meeting :

The next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, the 6th of September from 18h00 at the Waterlab Offices.

PARC Committee Members : 2018 - 2019 / PARK Komiteelede : 2018 - 2019

During Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club on the 25th of August, the Committee for the 2018-19 year was elected. This was followed by a Committee Meeting on the 6th of September, whereby the Club Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and other essential portfolios were allocated. The elected Committee Members, with their portfolios and contact details are presented below. Pretoria Amateur Radio Club hereby sincerely thanks them for their availability to serve on the Committee for the next year, and wishes them all the best for their task ahead.

		
Louis de Wet ZS6SK Chairman, Watts & Club History	Graham Reid ZS6GJR Vice-Chairman, Treasurer & Website	Etienne Naude ZS6EFN SARL Liaison & Bulletin Coordinator
		
Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA Club Secretary	Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB Rallies, Repeaters & Membership	John Minter ZS6LED Technical & RAE Training

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PARC Co-opted Members : 2018 – 2019 / PARK Ge-köopteerde Lede : 2018 - 2019

Pretoria Amateur Radioklub kondig graag hiermee die name en kontak details van die ge-köopteerde lede aan vir 2018-19, en wens hul hiermee van harte geluk met hul taak vorentoe. Ons moedig Klublede aan om Alméro, Pierre, Nic en Whitey by te staan met hul pogings met vlooiemarkte, sosiale aktiwiteite, kompetisies en jeugontwikkeling.

		
Nic Louw ZS6NWL Youth Development, Competitions	Alméro Du Pisani Flea-markets	Pierre Holtzhausen ZS6PJH Competitions
		
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Next PARC Fleamarket / Volgende PARK Vlooiemark

Saturday the 27th of October from 10h00 at POMC

Saterdag die 27^{ste} Oktober vanaf 10h00 by POMC

To book a table, please do contact: / Om 'n tafel te bespreek, kontak gerus:

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Birthdays and Anniversaries / Verjaarsdae en Huweliks Herdenkings

Member's Birthdays September 2018 / Lede Verjaarsdae - September 2018

02 Vernon Fryer ZS6AIG
19 Johan Classen ZS6IAM
21 Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB

26 Graham Reid ZS6GJR
27 Ryan Gibson ZS6GGR
28 Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA

Member's Spouses September 2018 / Lede Gades September 2018

16 Annelize, gade van De Jager Burger ZS6ZO
28 Irene ZS6IEA, gade van Pieter Myburgh ZS6PAM

Anniversaries September / Herdenkings - September

03 Sanette en Dennis van Schalkwyk ZR6JET
27 Rika en Gideon van der Merwe ZS6GJV
28 Erika en Jan Pienaar ZS6OB

Member's Birthdays October 2018 / Lede Verjaarsdae - Oktober 2018

01 Evan Seligmann ZS6ELI
02 Hans-Peter Knoepfler ZS6AJS
02 André van Tonder (Erelid) ZS6BRC
09 Ed Willers ZS6UT
10 Roy Alexander ZS6MI

16 Fintan Wilson ZS6FIN
20 Martinho Dos Santos ZS6BQP †
25 Gawie Marais ZS6GJM
30 Andre Coetzee ZS6GCA
31 Pieter Myburgh ZS6PAM

Spouse's October 2018 / Gades Oktober 2018

03 Poppie †, gade van Hansie Meyer ZS6AIK
12 Juanita, gade van Ryan Gibson ZS6GGR
14 Wilma, gade van Nic Louw ZS6NWL
16 Niemari, gade van Fintan Wilson ZS6FIN
21 Louise, gade van Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP
28 Sanette, gade van Des van Schalkwyk ZR6JET
31 Maria, gade van Jyri Hamalainen ZR5AAE

Anniversaries October / Herdenkings - Oktober

06 Poppie † en Hansie Meyer ZS6AIK
09 Annatjie en Pieter Fourie ZS6CN
13 Wilma en Nicolaas Louw ZS6NWL
15 Annelize en De Jager Burger ZS6ZO

Lief en Leed / Joys and Sorrows

It is with sadness that we have learned of the passing of Martinho Dos Santos ZS6BQP. Our sincere condolences with his family.

Ons het met leedwese verneem van die afsterwe van Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB se oom.

Annatjie, gade van Pieter Fourie ZS6CN, se suster was opgeneem vir hospitalisering. Dit gaan sedertdien beter.

Nic Louw ZS6NWL se suster is ogeneem vir 'n operasie, en herstel vorder goed.

Whitey ZS6JJJ se gade, Erna, was opgeneem vir 'n operasie. Ons het verneem dat sy goed herstel.

PARC Membership Fees / PARK Ledegelde

During the 2018 AGM, the decision was made that Club Fees would not be increased for the financial year. Club Fees therefore remain at R160 for Ordinary Members, and R60 for Pensioners and Spouse. Gedurende die 2018 AJV, die besluit is geneem dat Klub Ledegelde nie verhoog sal word nie. Dus bly die gelde op R160 vir Gewone Lede, en R60 vir Pensionarisse en Gade.

PARC SUBS : PARK LEDEGELD : FROM / VANAF : 30-06-2018

Bank	First National Bank	Ordinary Members / Gewone Lede : R160 Spouses / Pensioners : R60	Your call sign must appear as statement text!
Branch Code	25 20 45		
Account No	546 000 426 73		

Please remit your subs in time to our Treasurer, or pay per transfer into the PARC account
Betaal asb. u ledegelde betyds aan ons Tesourier, of betaal per oorpasing in die PARC rekening

Please Note : If your Club fees are not paid up to date, birthday details cannot be displayed in Watts

PARC Bulletin Roster / PARK Bulletin Rooster

PARC Bulletins are presented on Sunday mornings at approximately 08h45, after the SARL Bulletins in English and Afrikaans, from 08h15. The Bulletin Presenters for the following two months are presented below. Please do contact the applicable presenter beforehand if you wish to make a contribution to the Bulletin. PARC Bulletins are broadcast on the 2 meter repeater on 145.725 MHz, and 70 cm on 438.025 MHz. Relays are done on 7.060 MHz by Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR and on Echolink by Johan Lehman ZS6JPL. A re-broadcast of the Bulletin is done the following Monday evening at 19h45 by Hans ZS6KR.

PARK Bulletins word op Sondag oggende aangebied om 08h45, na die SARL Bulletins in Engels en Afrikaans, vanaf 08h15. The Bulletin aanbieders vir die volgende twee maande word onder aangedui. Kontak gerus die toepaslike Bulletin leser indien u 'n bydrae tot die Bulletin wil maak. PARK Bulletins word uitgesaai op die 2 meter Herhaler op 145.725 MHz, en 70cm op 438.205 MHz. Herleidings word gedoen op 7.060 MHz deur Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR, en op Echolink deur Johan Lehman ZS6JPL. 'n Heruitsending van die Bulletin geskied die opvolgende Maandag aand om 19h45 wat behartig word deur Hans ZS6KR.

PARC Bulletin Presenters : September - December 2018			
Date	Presenter	Date	Presenter
09 September 2018	Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB	11 November 2018	Louis de Wet ZS6SK
16 September 2018	Louis de Wet ZS6SK	18 November 2018	Etienne Naude ZS6EFN
23 September 2018	Etienne Naude ZS6EFN	25 November 2018	Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP
30 September 2018	Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP	02 December 2018	Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB
07 October 2018	Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB	09 December 2018	Louis de Wet ZS6SK
14 October 2018	Louis de Wet ZS6SK	16 December 2018	Etienne Naude ZS6EFN
21 October 2018	Etienne Naude ZS6EFN	23 December 2018	Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP
28 October 2018	Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP	30 December 2018	Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB
04 November 2018	Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB	06 January 2019	Louis de Wet ZS6SK

Diary of Contests & Events / Dagboek van Kompetisies en Gebeure

Contests and Events - September 2018 / Kompetisies en Gebeure - September 2018 (UTC Times)	
01	Russian RTTY WW Contest: 00h00 - 23h59
01 - 02	Region 1 SSB Field Day and RSGB Field Day
01 - 02	RSGB SSB Field Day: 13h00 - 13h00
01 - 02	IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB: 13h00 - 12h59
08 - 09	WAE DX Contest, SSB: 00h00 - 23h59
08 - 09	SARL Field Day Contest: 10h00 - 10h00
09	North American Sprint, CW: 00h00 - 04h00
10	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, SSB: 19h00 - 20h30
15 - 16	SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest: 10h00 - 10h00
15 - 16	SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest: 10h00 - 10h00
15 - 16	All Africa International DX Contest: 12h00 - 12h00
15 - 16	Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW: 12h00 - 12h00
19	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW: 10h00 - 20h30
27	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data: 19h00 - 20h30
29 - 30	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY: 00h00 - 24h00
Contests and Events - October 2018 / Kompetisies en Gebeure - Oktober 2018 (UTC Times)	
04	SARL 80m QSO Party
06 - 07	Antique Wireless Association Tube QSO Party
07	RSGB DX Contest: 05h00 - 23h00
08	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, CW: 19h00 - 20h30
13	October Radio Amateur Examination (RAE): 10h00 - 13h00
17	RSGB 80m Autumn Series, Data: 19h00 - 20h30
20	CQ Hou Koers
19 - 21	Jamboree on the Air - JOTA
27	PARC Flea-Market: 10h00 - 12h00 / PARK Vlooiemark: 10h00 - 12h00
27 - 28	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB: 00h00 - 24h00
More information can be obtained from the SARL website, as well as the WA7BNM contest calendar at the following website: http://hornucopia.com	

PARC Annual General Meeting / PARK Algemene Jaarvergadering

The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club held its Annual General Meeting at the Pretoria Old Motor Club on the 25th of August 2018. The Meeting was well attended by Club Members, and a quorum was declared. Graham Reid ZS6GJR, Chairman of PARC, who welcomed all Club Members, as well as Nico van Rensburg ZS6QL, the President of the South African Radio League, chaired the Meeting.

After the minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved, Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB presented the treasurer's report. Following his presentation, as well as a discussion on the budget for the next financial year, the Members present approved the Annual Financial Statements of the past financial year. The service of Tony Crowder ZS6CRO as Auditor for the next financial year was also approved. Graham then proceeded to present his Chairman's report, which is included below.



Chairman Graham Reid ZS6GJR, Secretary Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA and Treasurer Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB

Chairman's Report: Graham Reid ZS6GJR

Baie welkom aan almal hier teenwoordig en dankie dat julle tyd ingeruim het om ons 88ste AJV by te woon. To one and all a hearty welcome to this our 88th AGM. Thank you for taking the time to attend. A special welcome to our VIP guests for today. Our Guest Speaker today will be Nico van Rensburg ZS6QL who will be updating us on YOTA 2018. To my fellow committee members thank you for your support, guidance, commitment and dedication during the past year.

Silent keys

Ivo Chladeck ZS6AXT: 28th September 2017
Elizabeth Begeman ZS6IZA

Club membership.

We currently have 68 paid - up members and 7 honorary members, which brings the total to 75. As you all know we are one of the biggest clubs in the country and paid-up membership has increased slightly since last year. We have had several new members join our Club during this year, mainly due to the RAE classes and hope to keep this trend for the next year. We have started sending out Invoices to remind members that their membership fees are now due and this has helped tremendously. To those members who so regularly renew their subscriptions and who actively participate in club activities like attending the meetings, participation during contests, rallies, reporting in on weekly bulletins, contributions to Watts, ensuring our repeaters and Echo link are working, and arranging and assisting with flea markets, thank you all for your support.

Club meetings

The attendance of Club meetings is not good and should again be one of the focus points for the new committee; please let us know what you would like from these meetings. You will also have noticed that due to the lack of interest we have reduced the Club meeting from monthly to quarterly and combined these with our Flea market to try to increase attendance.

Finances

We have successfully implemented the SAGE Pastel financial system to electronically manage our finances and for this I would like to sincerely thank Etienne ZS6EFN. The advantage of this is that we have the ability to monitor the finances accurately at any time. We have also closed the multiple savings accounts with Nedbank and have combined these into a single 32 day account at FNB at an interest rate of 6.5%. At this stage our finances are in a healthy state as you have already heard in the Treasurers Report.

Secretary

A special thank you to Irene ZS6IEA for taking on this position and also for the promptness in getting the meeting minutes completed after each committee meeting. Your service is much appreciated and hopefully you will be able to continue with this for another term.

SARL AGM

As I am sure that you are all aware, PARC hosted the SARL AGM earlier this year at The Farm Inn. I would firstly like to again thank all my committee members for their hard work both leading up to the event as well as for the months prior to this as well. This event went off extremely smoothly and was one of the best attended in many years. The SARL praised our organizing committee after the event as only positive feedback was received from the many SARL members that attended. A special work of thanks to Etienne Naude ZS6EFN for all the many hours he put in to coordinating this organizing committee and at the event itself. Thanks also to Almero du Pisani ZS6LDP for the planning and running of the large flea market at this event. The awards dinner was also attended by a record number of members and their spouses/partners. Thanks go to Irene and Joey for adding the special touches as well as for monitoring the evening's activities to ensure that all went according to plan.

WATTS

To Louis ZS6SK, the Watts editor, thank you for putting the Watts together every month as well as doing RAE classes. You have set yourself a very high standard and to maintain that standard and momentum month after month requires lots of dedication and commitment. Thank you for a job well done and also a big thank you to those members who contribute articles for publishing. Thanks also to Vincent Harrison ZS6BTY for distribution of Watts every month.

Repeater

Thanks to Johan ZS6JHB, for keeping the repeater network operational, as they had to deal with a number of small issues to keep the repeater going. The assistance of Con Dio Communications was called in from time to time when there were issues. Thank you also to Johan Lehman, ZS6JPL, for keeping our Echo link and IRLP working.

Rallies

Providing communications on Motor Rallies is one of the main activities of the club. To all of you who regularly assist on the Rallies and off-road events, thank you very much for all the hours that you put into these. We have been complimented by senior officials of MSA on how well we are performing and we are now assisting at more and more off-road events. Well done and thank you once again. Treasurer Johan ZS6JHB, thank you for all your efforts in keeping our finances in order. We know it is taking up a lot of your time which adds to the number of things you have to keep up to date and in order and I assure you it is greatly appreciated.

Flea-markets

To Almero ZS6LDP and Johan ZS6JHB for organizing these flea-markets, thank you very much. The Flea-markets are always well attended throughout the year by our regular sellers and bargain hunters and is the perfect venue to have a chat with other hams from other clubs. Thank you to Whitey Joubert ZS6JJJ and his sw Erna, Kenny Martin ZS6KMM and his sw Paddy and Sarel Stapelberg ZS6EK and his sw Karin for assisting with the preparation of the boerewors rolls and coffee. Thanks to Louis ZS6SK for assisting with the organization of the event on the day and of course to all our regular customers who enjoy our boerie rolls and coffee.

Bulletins

The SARL and club bulletins on Sundays are listened to from all over the country. Thanks again go to Etienne Naude ZS6EFN for doing the Bulletin readers schedule and also to our team of dedicated presenters and regular contributors, and Hans ZS6KR for relaying the bulletins on 40 meters. Thank you all for a job very well done.

RAE Classes

I would also like to thank Etienne Naude ZS6EFN, Vincent Harrison ZS6BTY and Louis de Wet ZS6SK for their time and effort in running the RAE classes during the past year - the attendance has been varied and many candidates now choose to do this via self-study although this has still resulted in several new members joining our Club.

Website

The PARC website is used by many around the country as well as some overseas hams and is thus a very important component of the advertising of our club. Thanks to Hans ZS6KR for keeping the swap shop running as well as administering the advertisers, it is really appreciated. Thanks also to Vincent Harrison ZS6BTY for regularly updating the Propagation information, it is really appreciated. A special thank you to Grant Walker from CMC Networks for hosting this website - without this service and support from Carl Tranter from CMC Networks the stability and security of this website would not be acceptable as it is currently.

Contests

Participation in contesting is very important for our Club and it's existence and due to various reasons, the coordination of the contests during this past year was only partially successful. Participation by the members in these contests is also not as it has been in the past. The new committee will need to ensure that the correct person is given this portfolio to get ZS6PTA back on the map as far as contests go. That aside some members have done well in contests during this past year and I would like to congratulate Theo Bresler ZS6TVB, George Ells ZS6GWE and Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR for their successes during this reporting period. Apologies if I have left out anyone in this category but it has been difficult to follow this important activity during this period with no direct committee representation. Lastly, I would like to thank all of our other members for continuing their membership as well as for any contributions or participation they may have been part of during this last year - this all helps to keep PARC going as well as to promote our hobby of Amateur Radio.

Following the Chairman's report, awards and certificates were presented to Members for the services and dedication to PARC, as well as for various achievements. Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA presented the awards and certificates to the various recipients. Photographs of the recipients and their awards are presented below:



Jack Bennet Five-metre Trophy for VHF/UHF/6m activity to Theo Bresler ZS6TVB, accepted on behalf by Pierre Holtzhausen ZS6PJH



Hansie Meyer Deelname Trofee vir Kompetisie deelname ontvang deur Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR (Erelid) en Theo Bresler ZS6TVB



Roy Alexander VHF Constructors Trophy for VHF construction to Ryan Gibson ZS6GGR and George Ellis ZS6GWE



Pretoria Ham Spirit Trophy for Ham Spirit to Etienne Naude ZS6EFN (SARL AGM) and Nic Louw ZS6NWL (Youth Development and CQ Hou Koers)



Awards for presentation of RAE Training to Etienne Naude ZS6EFN and John Minter ZS6LED



Graham Reid ZS6GJR received the Roy Alexander trophy for his contributions as Control Station at numerous motor rallies



ZSL Trofeë aan die mees belowendste nie-gelisensieëerde lede, Annalie en Willie van Niekerk



Merit certificates to Fritz Sutherland Jnr. ZS6FSJ and Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV for scientific development with Kletskaus and RF noise measurement group. Accepted by Fritz Sutherland Snr ZS6SF



Toekennings aan Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP, Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR (Erelid), Etienne Naude ZS6EFN, Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB, Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA en Louis de Wet ZS6SK vir aanbieding van PARC en SARL Bulletins, asook HF herleiding en herhaling van PARC Bulletins



Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP en Johan du Bruyn ZS6JHB het toekennings ontvang vir reelings met vlooiemarkte en worsrol en koffie verkope



For non-radio assistance at rallies, Joey Reid and Franco Visser received awards



Piet Roos toekennings is ontvang deur Louis de Wet ZS6SK, Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR (Erelid) en Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB vir bydraes to Watts



Die formele verrigtinge van die Algemene Jaarvergadering is afgesluit met 'n aanbieding deur Nico van Rensburg ZS6QL, wat 'n omvattende oorsig gegee het oor die aktiwiteite van die afgelope YOTA 2018 wat in Suid-Afrika plaasgevind het. Ons wil graag vir Nico hartlik bedank vir die uitstekende aanbieding, asook materiaal wat hy aan Watts verskaf het. Ons wil u verwys na die September uitgawe van Radio ZS wat breedvoerig verslag doen oor hierdie geleentheid, die kwaliteit wat ons nie naastenby kan nadoen nie. Die Algemene Jaarvergadering is afgesluit met 'n heerlike ete bestaande uit 'n boon sopgereg en 'n pasta hoofmaaltyd. Fotos van die Lede wat die geleentheid bygewoon het, verskyn op die volgende bladsye.



Pierre Duminy ZS6FPS, Pierre Holtzhausen ZS6PJH, Andries Schoombee ZS6SCH, Fritz Sutherland ZS6SF en Ryan Gibson ZS6GGR



Etienne Naude ZS6EFN, Ken Gurr ZS6KN (Centurion Klub) en Nico van Rensburg ZS6QL (SARL President)



Nic Louw ZS6NWL, Johan Classen ZS6IAM, Uys Classen ZS6UYS en John Minter ZS6LED



Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP, Hans Kappetijn ZS6KR (Erelid) Charles Mills ZS6CJM en Richard Peer ZS6UK



Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB en Franco Visser



Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA, Pieter Myburgh ZS6PAM en Willie en Annalie van Niekerk



Die prysuitdeling is afgesluit met 'n trekking waar 'n paar bottels rooiwijn aan die gelukkige wenners oorhandig is: Richard Peer ZS6UK, Willie van Niekerk, John Minter ZS6LED en Ken Gurr ZS6KN

Pretoria Amateur Radio Klub bedank hiermee graag alle Klublede wat die geleentheid bygewoon het. Ook ons besondere dank aan Joey en Graham Reid, Johan de Bruyn, Irene Myburgh, en Corrie en Franco Visser wat baie moeite gedoen het met die heerlike ete wat aan die gaste voorgelê is.

PARK Vlooiemark / PARK Flea Market

Die afgelope winter is twee vlooiemarkte deur PARK aangebied, onder andere op die 21^{ste} Julie, en tydens die oggend voor die Algemene Jaarvergadering, op die 25^{ste} Augustus 2018. Soos altyd was daar baie radios, antenas en komponente te koop aangebied, en verskeie lede van omliggende klubs het die geleentheid bygewoon. Graag wil PARK vir Alméro Du Pisani ZS6LDP hartlik bedank vir die reel van die vlooiemarkte. Ook bedank ons graag Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB en Franco Visser vir hul harde werk met die braai en verkoop van worsrolletjies en koffie. Soos altyd is daar baie fotos te neem tydens die geleentehede, soos onder aangebied.



Hoeveel worsrolle wil jy he? Johan ZS6JHB en Pieter ZS6CN hard besig om te braai





Amerikaanse Amateurlisensies? Watsegit is dit nou? Fritz Sutherland ZS6SF

Op die 25^{ste} Augustus, net voor die PARK vlooiemark en AJV, was daar weer 'n eksamensessie waarin Suid-Afrikaanse amateurs die Amerikaanse amateurradio-eksamen afgelê het. Die kandidate het besonder goed gevaar en almal die hoogste graad Amerikaanse lisensie – die “Extra Class” lisensie behaal. Veels geluk aan hulle.

Die eerste vraag wat by 'n mens opkom is 'waarom doen hulle dit'? Is dit doodgewone wintie-geit of is daar dieperliggende redes? 'n Suid-Afrikaner wat byvoorbeeld sy stokperdjie is die VSA wil beoefen, het nie so 'n roepsein nodig nie. Volgens die CEPT ooreenkoms kan hy sy gewone ZS of ZR roepsein, tot drie maande lank in die VSA gebruik. Daar moet dus ander redes wees vir die verwerwing van 'n Amerikaanse roepsein.

'n SA amateur kan dié lisensie gebruik in lande wat nie deel vorm van die CEPT ooreenkoms nie, maar wat wel 'n ooreenkoms het met die VSA. Dit is seker 'n goeie rede, maar nie genoeg om 'n mens daardie moeite te laat doen nie. Ander voordele is dat 'n mens darem 'n bietjie insig kry in hoe ander lande, byvoorbeeld die VSA, hulle amateurradiodienste bestuur. Die feit dat hulle 'n hoër graad lisensie het, gee 'n mens ook 'n kans om jou vlak van tegniese vaardigheid te toets en 'n idee te vorm van hoe ons eie tegniese standaarde vergelyk met die res van die wêreld s'n. Aangesien 'n ieder en 'n elke SA amateur wat dié lisensie hier geskryf het, gekwalifiseer het vir 'n Amerikaanse lisensie, wys dit dat daar met ons standaarde en ons amateurs se kennis, NIKS skort nie.

Burgerskap van die VSA is nie nodig nie, al wat die FCC vereis is 'n posadres binne die VSA. Dit is nie moeilik om te kry nie. Danksy Chris ZS6EZ se bydrae kos die aflê van die eksamen slegs 'n nominale bedraggie. Die lisensie is gratis en geldig vir tien jaar.

Alle inligting wat belangstellendes nodig het, is beskikbaar by <http://zs6ez.org.za/fcc-exam.htm>. Soos vir die SA lisensies, is alle opleidingsmateriaal beskikbaar op die Internet. Daar is ook tipiese eksamenvraestelle en antwoordstelle beskikbaar.

Die aflê van hierdie eksamen is aangenaam in die opsig dat die kandidaat binne 'n paar minute weet wat die uitslag is. Dit is dikwels 'n motivering om sommer net daar en dan die eksamen vir die volgende vlak van lisensie aan te durf. Soos ondervinding wys, slaag die meeste kandidate.

Die eksaminators bedank die komitee van PARK vir hulle hulp en samewerking hiermee. Hierdie oop, dinamiese en innoverende houding is waarom PARK een van die grootste en aktiefste klubs in die RSA is. Die eksaminators sal die PARK komitee nader om hierdie eksamen op 'n gereelde basis aan te bied en om deelname in Watts en deur middel van die klub bulletins aan te moedig.

73 de Fritz ZS6SF alias KV4SL

PARC 90 Years Celebration / PARK 90 Jaar Herdenking

With the establishment of the South African Radio League in 1925, and the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club in 1930, the Centenary of SARL will be celebrated in 2025, while the 90th year celebration of PARC is approaching in 2020.

Thanks to two magnificent sources of information; Radio ZS magazines which can be downloaded from the SARL website, as well as Club Meeting and Minutes books kindly supplied by Tjerk Lammers ZS6P, it is possible to collect a wealth of historical information on the past and current Members of PARC, as well as compile a database of Radio Amateurs which were members of PARC since 1947.

Pretoria Amateur Radio Klub wens hiermee om 'n projek te loods waar ons graag 'n gedenkalbum wil skep vir lede wat die 90 jarige herdenking van die Klub in 2020 vier. Ons vra graag dat enige Lede wat graag inligting wil deel, met ons kontak maak vir insluiting in hierdie album. Enige materiaal is welkom, wat fotos, dokumente, staaltjies en dies meer kan insluit.

Net om die aptyt vir die projek te stimuleer, het ons 'n paar fotos uit 'n paar uitgawes van Radio ZS van 1948 gekopieer, asook enkele bladsye uit die PARK argiewe van 1948 (p14-16). Sommige van u sal van die name herken, en ons sal graag enige inligting met ons mede Klublede wil deel in die voorgestelde gedenkalbum.

Indien u oor enige materiaal beskik wat u wil bydra (leen of skenk) vir die projek, kan u gerus vir Louis de Wet ZS6SK by louis.zs6sk@gmail.com (012 349 1044/1066), Etienne Naude by etienne@afrigrid.com (082 553 0542) of Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA irene@srsa.gov.za (084 544 0618) kontak. Ons gaan poog om die name en roepseine van soveel moontlik radio amateurs wat lede van PARK was en is, in te sluit in die gedenkalbum.

If you have any material available (loan or donate) for this project, please do contact Louis de Wet ZS6SK at louis.zs6sk@gmail.com (012 349 1044/1066), Etienne Naude at etienne@afrigrid.com (082 553 0542) or Irene Myburgh ZS6IEA irene@srsa.gov.za (084 544 0618). We are going to attempt to place as much as possible names and call-signs of radio amateurs which were, and, are Members of PARC in this commemorative album.

2018 Tydren Kalender / 2018 Rally Calendar

Met die 2018 tydren seisoen in volle swang, kan ons weer uitsien na 'n besige program met baie radio-aktiwiteit tussen die aksie, stof en geraas! Die Tydren Kalender is voorsien deur Johan de Bruyn, wat tydren aktiwiteite koordineer. Indien u belangstel om deel te wees van tydren radio-diens, kontak gerus vir Johan de Bruyn by 079-333-4107 of zs6jhb@gmail.com. Die datums van die Nasionale- en Streekstydrenne word onder aangedui.

With the 2018 rally season in full swing, we can again look forward to a busy program loaded with radio-activity in-between the action, dust and noise! Johan de Bruyn, who is the coordinator of rally activities supplied the rally calendar. If you are interested in becoming part of rally radio-service, feel free to contact Johan de Bruyn ZS6JHB at 079-333-4107 or zs6jhb@gmail.com. The dates of the National- and Regional rallies are on the next page.



Round 1	9-10 March	L&G Tools Rally Balito - KZN
Round 2	20-21 April	York Rally Sabie-Mpumalanga
Round 3	25-26 May	Rally Star Carnival City
Round 4	6-7 July	Algoa Rally Port Elizabeth - EC
Round 5	17-18 August	Electrothread Rally Bronkhorstspuit - Gauteng
Round 6	28-29 Sept	Lake Umuzi Rally Secunda - Mpumalanga
Round 7	26-27 Oct	TBA Tzaneen or Sabie Limpopo / Mpumalanga

Rounds 3 & 7 : Venues to be confirmed








Round 1	21 April	York Rally Sabie-Mpumalanga
Round 2	26 May	Delmas/Carnival Mpumalanga
Round 3	23 June	SAM RALLY Location to be confirmed
Round 4	18 August	Electrothread Rally Bronkhorstspuit - Gauteng
Round 5	29 Sept	Lake Umuzi Rally Secunda - Mpumalanga
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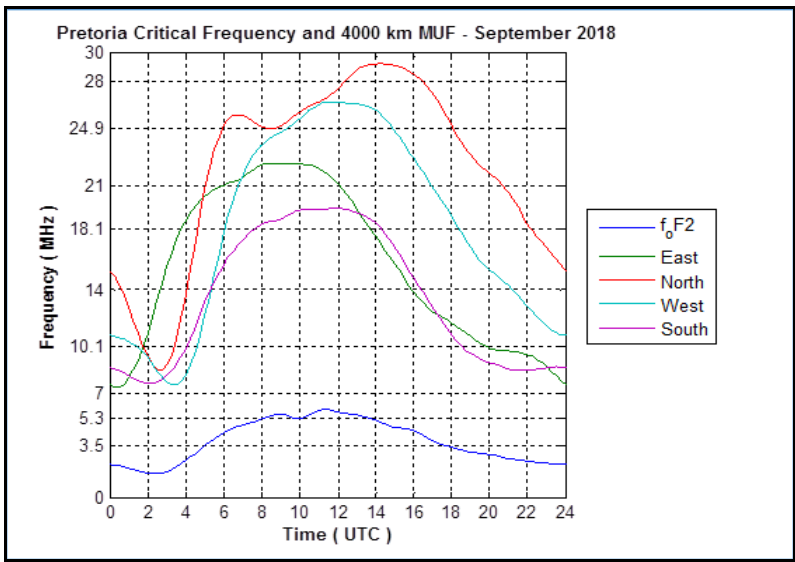
Rounds 2,3&6 : Locations for these events to be Confirmed.









Long Term HF Propagation for September 2018

DX Operating

The graph shows the 4000 km maximum useable frequency (MUF) to the East, North, West and South from Pretoria for the first hop using the F2 layer.

Local Operating

The F2 critical frequency (foF2) is the maximum F-layer frequency for short range communications.

For worldwide propagation see: <http://www.parc.org.za/index.php?page=propagation>

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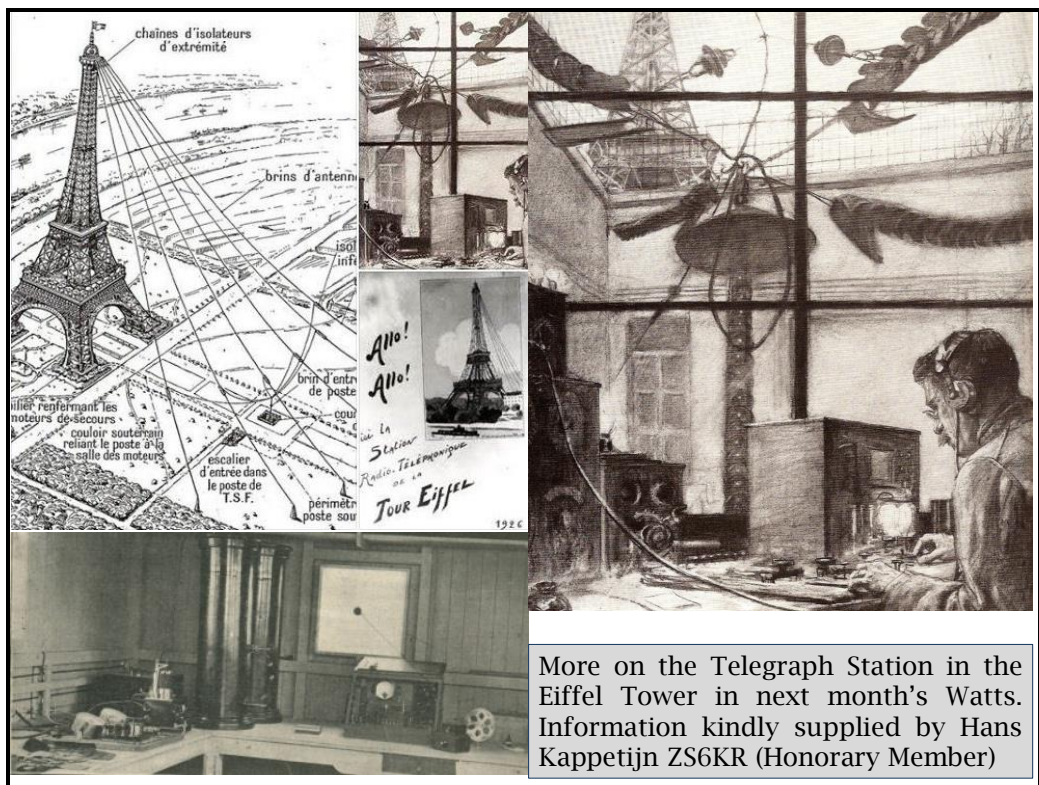
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