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PARC RAE HF Assessment



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To every reader, supporter, and contributor who's tuned in to Watts—thank you. Whether you've shared a story, sparked a laugh, or simply kept the signal strong by reading along, you're part of what makes this frequency worth broadcasting.

We'd love to hear more from you. Got a quirky club tale, a burning question, a bright idea, or a moment worth amplifying? Send it our way at watts@parc.org.za. The mic is always open, and your voice keeps the airwaves alive.

Stay curious, stay connected—and keep the dial on Watts. 73

Stay Connected

- WhatsApp Group: Contact any committee member
- Bulletins: 145.725 MHz (Sundays 08h45)
- Relays: 439.025, 438.825, 145.725, 7.066 MHz + Echolink
- Swopshop: 2m & 7.066 MHz live after bulletins
- Rebroadcast: Mondays 19h45 (2m)



Birthdays | Verjaarsdae, Joys and Sorrows | Lief en Leed

Members' Birthdays — May | Lede Verjaarsdae — May

Date	Name	Callsign
01 May	Cobus Kruger	ZS6TLX
03 May	Andries Schoombee	ZS6SCH
06 May	Christopher Coetzee	ZU6CC
11 May	Ray Smith	ZR6JNJ
12 May	NEELS HEYDENRICH	ZS4CFH
14 May	Johan Momberg	ZS6BPB
15 May	Jaco Nieuwenhuis.	ZS6JLN
15 May	Christoff Havenga	APOLLO84
17 May	Vincent Harrison	ZS6BTY
21 May	Outie Dorfling	ZS6LMD
24 May	Sybie Van der Spuy	ZS6SY
25 May	Tjerk Lammers	ZS6P
26 May	Vitor Gouveia	ZS6VG
30 May	Dave Gough	DAVEP
31 May	George William Ellis	ZS6TA
31 May	Gawie Basson	ZS6GJJ

Wishing you loud signals, clear frequencies, and zero interference on your special day. Happy birthday!

Spouses' Birthdays — May | Gades Verjaarsdae — May

Date	Member	Callsign	Spouse
30 May	Louis Coetzee	ZS6GLC	Marita

May your celebration be filled with laughter, love, and new adventures. Enjoy your special day!

Members' Birthdays — June | Lede Verjaarsdae — June

Date	Name	Callsign
04 June	Rivac Jacques Alberts	RIVAC
07 June	Chris Oosthuysen	ZS6OC
09 June	Charles Mills	ZS6CJM
10 June	Louis Pires	LISTENER1
13 June	Graeme Van Schalkwyk	LEARNER
14 June	Attie Reynecke	ZS6REY

Date	Name	Callsign
16 June	ebe Terzakis	ZR6EBE
19 June	Fanus Ferreira	ZS6BUH
21 June	Marc Vanoverbeke	ZS6ON
22 June	Dylan Foord	ZS6TDK
25 June	Janre Buys	ZS6SI
26 June	Pieter Stronkhorst	ZR6PSR
26 June	Jacques Coetzee	ZS6RFJ
27 June	Leon Fouche	ZS6LEF
30 June	Annelie van Niekerk	ZS6AVN

Spouses' Birthdays — May | Gades Verjaarsdae — Mei

Date	Member	Callsign	Spouse
01	Etienne Naude	ZS6EFN	Fiona
16	Christoff Havenga	APOLLO84	Maritza
24	Johnny Scott	ZS6JSS	Belinda
27	Joe Katzman	ZS6TB	Selma

Wedding Anniversaries May 2026 | Huweliks Herdenkings May 2026

Date	Member	Callsign	Spouse
01 May	Peter Smith - Curren	ZS6PJ	Ria
22 May	Marcel - Ruaan Van Wyk	ZS6MRM	Cindy

Wedding Anniversaries June 2026 | Huweliks Herdenkings Junie 2026

Date	Member	Callsign	Spouse
None			

New Members | Nuwe Lede

- Dave Jansen

We're really glad to have you with us. Whether you're brand new to amateur radio or bringing years of experience along, you're among friends here. PARC is about learning together, sharing what we know, and enjoying the hobby as a community. We look forward to getting to know you and having you be part of the journey.

Contests and Events | Kompetisies en Gebeure

May 2026

- 2 - 3 May — ARI International DX Contest (1200Z, May 2 to 1159Z, May 3)
- 3 May — Antique Wireless Association SSB Valve QSO Party (1300Z – 1700Z)
- 5 May — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z-0159Z)
- 9, 10 May — CQ-M International DX Contest (1200Z, May 9 to 1159Z, May 10)
- 12 May — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z-0159Z)
- 13 May — Early Morning Coffee QSO Party (0400Z - 0500Z)
- 16 May — ZS SOTA Activity Weekend - start 0000Z
- 17 May — ZS SOTA Activity Weekend - end 2159Z
- 17 May — ZS3 QSO Party (1400Z – 1500Z)
- 19 May — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z-0159Z)
- 20 May — SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest (1700Z - 1800Z)
- 26 May — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z-0159Z)

June 2026

- 2 June — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z - 0159Z)
- 3 June — SARL Top Band QSO Contest Wednesday (2201Z)
- 6 - 7 June — ARRL Inter. Digital Contest (1800Z, Jun 6 to 2400Z, Jun 7)
- 7 June — SARL Top Band QSO Contest - end Sunday (2159Z)
- 9 June — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z - 0159Z)
- 13 June — SARL VHF/UHF FM Mode Contest Saturday (1000Z - 1300)
- 14 June — Hammies QSO Party Sunday (1400Z – 1500Z)
- 14 June — Portugal Day Contest (1200Z, Jun 13 to 1200Z, Jun 14)
- 16 June — SARL Youth QSO Party Tuesday (1200Z - 1300Z)
- 16 June — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z - 0159Z)
- 20 June — SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest Saturday (1100Z – 1200Z)
- 20 June — ARRL Kids Day (1800Z - 2359Z)
- 20 – 21 June — All Asian DX Contest, CW (0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21)
- 23 June — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z – 0159Z)
- 30 June — Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest (0100Z – 0159Z)

The Pretoria Ammateur Radio Club does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of contest details listed above. For verification and more information, please visit the SARL website, www.sarl.org.za, as well as the WA7BNM international contest calendar at the following website: <http://hornucopia.co>

Tip: Always verify contest details on SARL and WA7BNM calendars.

PARC Flea Market | PARK Snuffelmark

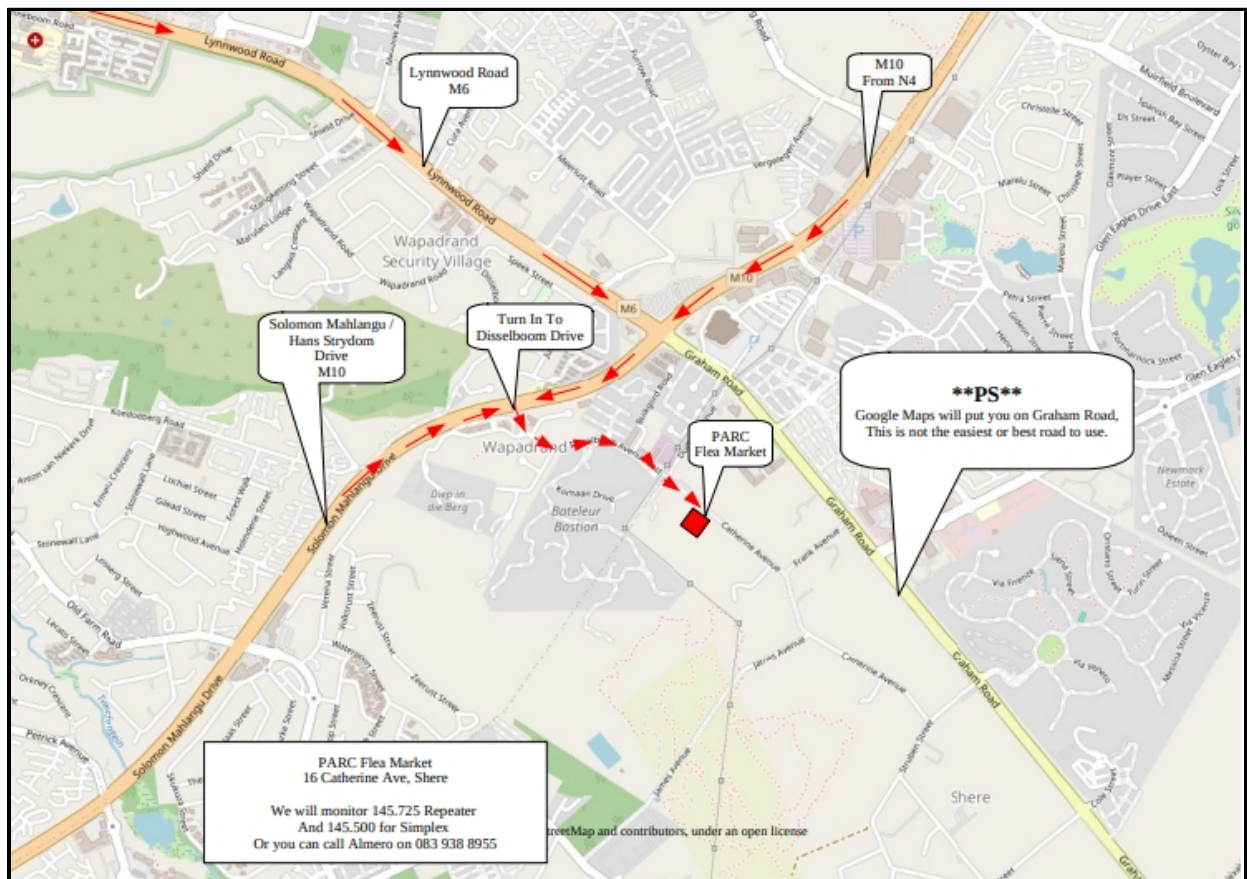
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Upcoming Dates — 2026

- 6 June 2026 — PARC
- 1 August 2026 — PARC
- 5 December 2026 — PARC

Other Clubs — 2026

- 30 May – West Rand Boot Sale
- 29 August – West Rand Boot Sale
- 3 October – East Rand Boot Sale



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PARC RAE Preparation Training

The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club (PARC) is thrilled to announce that we are officially hosting **RAE (Radio Amateur Examination) preparation training** at our very own **registered exam centre**. This marks an exciting milestone for our community: we are fully equipped with **HF trainers, a qualified invigilator, and all the resources needed** to help aspiring radio amateurs succeed.

At PARC, we believe there is always room for learning, growth, and new voices on the airwaves. Whether you're just starting your journey into amateur radio or looking to sharpen your skills, our training sessions are designed to be **inclusive, professional, and supportive**.

We're ready to get started—and we'd love for you to be part of it. If you're interested in joining our RAE preparation training, simply send us an email at RAE@PARC.ORG.ZA

Or you can visit our PARC web page <https://www.parc.org.za/index.php?page=rae>

Let's make 2026 the year you earn your amateur radio license and join the vibrant world of radio communication. The airwaves are waiting—are you ready to answer the call?



RAE Preparation training now available
Email rae@parc.org.za for details

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RADIO AMATEUR EXAM

Pretoria Amateur Radio Club



RAE October 2026 RAE exam entries open Saturday 1st August 2026

Shack Talk: Flea Market Fever by Vernon - ZS6AIG (Part 6)

It is that time of the month when putting the pen to paper, thinking about what would interest the reader. We have covered various topics from interviewing icons and covering the role of women that have played an important role in Amateur Radio, and I was planning to cover the upcoming RAE exams and training.



However, I would like to focus on the recent flea market and some gems, bargains found. The simple fact that Ham's get together, sharing ideas and just that eyeball QSO is always welcome. Oh, and don't forget that smell of the boerrie rolls.

This flea market was much larger than some of the previous ones, I saw of items creeping out the wood works, HF transceiver, lots of VHF equipment. Test equipment from oscilloscopes to SWR meters and the odd dummy load. Also nice to have the Centurion and West Rand branch attending and supporting.

During walking through the seller tables, the one thing I noted that the prices were reasonable Ham prices, Also noted that one table stood out as the bargains of the day.. ZS6SK pulled all stops out by bring every piece of equipment tucked away in his storage, maybe his wife had a say about this big move Hi Hi.

Unfortunately I could not get around to buy any of the bargains, I was given the role of traffic control and a tour guide.

I would love to had getting my hands on those new 6146, FT101 and Kenwood 820. The receivers quickly disappeared to new shacks. There were so many other bargain buys that I could not keep track.

Although I might have lost out on the big items but all stories should have a good ending, just as I was starting to help pack up tables and cleaning up. Right in front of me was this table standing with leftovers. After enquiring who was the owner, ZS6TIM comes forward and tells me I can take what I could use, looking at the old test equipment, I gladly accepted his offer. Thank you Tim for sharing, appreciate it.

All excited about my find, the very next day I started getting into cleaning and testing. Few people know that I repair and restore old vacuum tube equipment. Starting with the Grid dip meters that most newbies does not know about.

The Philips GM5655 oscilloscope is a vintage, tube-based single-channel service scope from the 1950s–60s, designed mainly for audio and low-frequency electronic testing. It's compact, uses about 8 vacuum tubes including the CRT, and has a bandwidth of around 50–100 kHz and is heavy. This one will be added to my other collection of scopes of yester year,



The next gem found was a Philips GM 7635 a vintage vacuum tube multimeter from the early 1950s, designed for laboratory and service use. It measures DC/AC voltage, current, and the resistance, and is notable for its wide frequency range up to 100 MHz. This one is going to find a place in my museum.



The Delica Grid Dip Meter (also called a Delica Dip Meter or GDO) is a Japanese-made RF test instrument used mainly by amateur radio operators to measure the resonant frequency of LC circuits without direct electrical connection. Models like the Delica DMC-230S cover ranges from about 0.4 MHz to 200 MHz, making them useful for tuning antennas, filters, and oscillators. A very accurate piece of equipment for its time.



The EICO 710 was a classic 1950-1960 grid dip meter (also called a grid dip oscillator, GDO), designed for amateur radio and electronics work. It covers frequencies from about 400 kHz to 250 MHz using plug-in coils, and was widely used for antenna tuning, resonance testing, and RF circuit alignment.

Just don't find this quality of GPO anymore, it will find a spot in the museum.

Just as I was thinking it can't get better, a Heathkit GD-10 jumps out of the box. This vintage grid dip meter (grid dip oscillator, GDO) produced by Heathkit in the late 1950's into the 1960's. It was designed for amateur radio operators and electronics hobbyists to measure the resonant frequency of tuned circuits, antennas, and RF components. Like other Heathkit instruments, it was sold as a kit for home assembly, making it both affordable and popular among hobbyists. Typically covers from ~1 MHz to 250 MHz, depending on plug-in coils.



I was in shock for a moment when I found the golden nugget among the items, all vacuum tube techies will tell you this is a must to have in the workshop, here right in front of me was a Sanwa SV-506, a vintage vacuum tube voltmeter (VTVM) produced by Sanwa Electric in Japan. It was widely used in the 1960s-70s for servicing radios, televisions, and other electronic equipment, offering higher input impedance and accuracy compared to analogue multimeters of its era. This will be my third VTVM I own and will be put to work in the next couple of weeks when I tackle the Yaesu FTDX 400.

Well after all said, the preparation that went into organising the venue, setting up tables, contacting sellers and most of all our guest visitors and not forgetting boerrie rolls.

Stepping back and thinking of the committee members that took the time to make this happen could not have been successful without the members' support. Let's keep on supporting them and make the club like it was a couple of years ago.

Stay tuned as we continue exploring the rigs, people, and stories that make ham radio such a special part of our lives. Until then, keep those signals strong and those friendships stronger — 73!

Voices from Earth to Space: The Spectrum Debate



As amateur radio operators, we've always looked skyward—whether chasing satellites, listening for astronauts, or imagining our signals brushing the edge of the ionosphere. Today, that celestial frontier is stirring new conversations: how will spectrum be shared between amateur radio and the booming space sector?

FCC's New Proposal

In April 2026, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) opened discussion on expanding access for **emergent space operations**. These are missions that don't fit the mold of traditional communications satellites—think experimental spacecraft, research probes, and private ventures.

The focus is on **telemetry, tracking, and command (TT&C)**, the lifelines that keep spacecraft connected to Earth. The FCC is exploring new allocations and even market-based models to ease congestion, raising both opportunities and concerns for amateur operators.

ITU's Global Role

Meanwhile, the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** continues its work to coordinate frequencies worldwide. Their meetings this spring emphasized preventing harmful interference and updating the **Table of Frequency Allocations**. For hams, this means our bands must coexist with space services, and international decisions ripple directly into our shack practices.

Balancing Earthbound and Celestial Signals

- **Opportunities:** Amateur operators may find new avenues to collaborate with space missions or experiment with novel bands.
- **Challenges:** TT&C signals are critical—any overlap with amateur allocations could risk spacecraft safety.
- **Global vs Local:** National proposals like the FCC's must align with ITU's international framework, reminding us that radio is both local and universal.

Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C) is the invisible lifeline between Earth and spacecraft. Think of it as the heartbeat, compass, and steering wheel of missions beyond our atmosphere.

- **Telemetry (T):** The spacecraft whispers back data—its health, fuel levels, temperatures, and scientific readings.
- **Tracking (T):** Ground stations listen for the signal's position, measuring distance and speed to know exactly where the craft is.
- **Command (C):** Operators send instructions—adjust your orbit, turn on an instrument, change direction.

PARC HF Assessment

On 18 April 2026 at 10:00, PARC's HF Assessors, ZS6HFE and ZS6PJH, together with several club members, gathered at the new clubhouse to welcome five of our RAE candidates—marking one of the first training and assessment activities at the club's new home.

The day got off to a great start with delicious toasted breakfast sandwiches and an atmosphere filled with excitement from the outset—fuelled by good food and plenty of RF enthusiasm.



As equipment was brought in, unpacked, and explained, the energy continued to build. The HF assessment documentation was carefully worked through, after which it was time for hands-on action. Antennas were erected, tensioned, tuned, and repeatedly adjusted until the SWR was as close to perfect as possible.







Then came the big moment—QSO time. The candidates took turns on air, each round showing growing confidence and skill as voices carried across the bands.





Before long, all five QSOs per candidate had been completed, the paperwork signed off, and the assessments successfully concluded.



The remaining RAE candidates came together on 1 May to complete their HF assessments. Despite the rainy and cold weather, the day was filled with warmth, laughter, and a strong sense of familiarity.

With ease, the required QSOs were made and the assessments completed.

The camaraderie and spirit throughout both days were truly exceptional, and it was a privilege to be part of such an experience.

A very big thank you goes to all the radio operators who responded to the calls—your participation made these days successful and added greatly to the experience for our candidates.


As the day began, so it ended: everyone gathered around the table, sharing smiles and a strong sense of pride.



We wish all our candidates the very best of luck for their examination on 16 May—we look forward to welcoming them on air soon and to the valuable contributions they will make to the club.

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PARC Advances with New Clubhouse and Donated Tower

Message from our Chairman

"Good day fellow park members, this is Graham ZS6GJR calling in with some very exciting news.

A couple of months ago, Vernon and Peter Fryer made the park committee an offer to move our home base to their business property just off Lynnwood Road. With the address 16 Catherine Road, Shere in Pretoria East.

We have now managed to finalize a venue use agreement for this, which will allow park to meet on their property for our flea markets, any RAE training, as well as other gatherings and meetings. We have also managed to register an RAE exam venue there with the SARL, thus our very own park RAE exam venue.

This property is an amazing one, with onsite restaurant and all the modern facilities we could wish for. On top of that we will be able to install our own radio mast there, which has been donated by Albert Schroder ZS6AS.

So thanks very much to my committee, Vernon and Peter Fryer, and Albert Schroder for all their hard work, generous offers and donations. I am sure that all our park members that have seen our new home base already will agree that this is a huge improvement on what we had in the past, together with a financial saving for the club the likes of which we will probably never see again.

Hope to see you all there soon. 73. Graham, signing off."

PARC has entered an exciting new chapter with the securing of a new clubhouse, giving the club a proper home base for meetings, flea markets, training, and social gatherings.

This opportunity came through the generosity of Vernon Fryer ZS6AIG and Peter Fryer, who made their business premises in Shere, Pretoria East available to the club. With a venue use agreement now in place, PARC not only has a dedicated meeting space, but also a **South African Radio League-registered RAE examination centre**—a major step forward for training and development within the club.

As if that wasn't enough, the spirit of amateur radio generosity truly shone through when Albert Schroder very kindly donated a radio tower to PARC. This remarkable contribution was collected and delivered on **23 April 2026** by Louis de Wet, ensuring it has safely reached its new home at the clubhouse.



The tower now stands ready and waiting—patiently—for what promises to be a memorable **tower raising day**. This will not only be a practical milestone for the club, but also a fantastic opportunity for members to come together, lend a hand, and quite literally raise PARC to new heights.



PARC extends its sincere thanks to Vernon Fryer ZS6AIG, Peter Fryer, Albert Schroder ZS6SE, and Louis de Wet ZS6SK for their outstanding generosity, time, and effort. It is through contributions like these that the true strength of the amateur radio community is revealed.

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ARRL News - Helping NASA Track Artemis II's Orion Spacecraft



From left to right, Panther Amateur Radio Club hardware expert Jake Wendt, KC3NBE, and software expert Sawyer Mervis (no call yet) on the roof with the equipment to track Artemis II's Orion spacecraft. [Photo courtesy of Juan Manfredi, NAØB]

The University of Pittsburgh's Panther Amateur Radio Club (**PARC**) had a unique opportunity last week...helping NASA track Artemis II's Orion spacecraft on its mission to the moon and back!

Faculty advisor Juan Manfredi, NAØB, said the club responded to a request from NASA to submit a proposal. "We submitted our proposal in September 2025 and were notified in November that our proposal was accepted," said Manfredi. "But the real challenge was just beginning and we needed to gather the equipment, test it, and make sure we could make contact."

For their part, the club's members needed to find and track a carrier signal from the spacecraft. Usually, a 9-meter dish antenna would be needed, but with help from the university's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), they were able to purchase a 1.2-meter dish and a software-defined radio (SDR). Manfredi said there were two final challenges. "Because of our location, we needed to be on the roof of our building between 4 and 6 AM every day. And, because we are located in the Northern Hemisphere, we only had about a 20-degree window to acquire the signal."

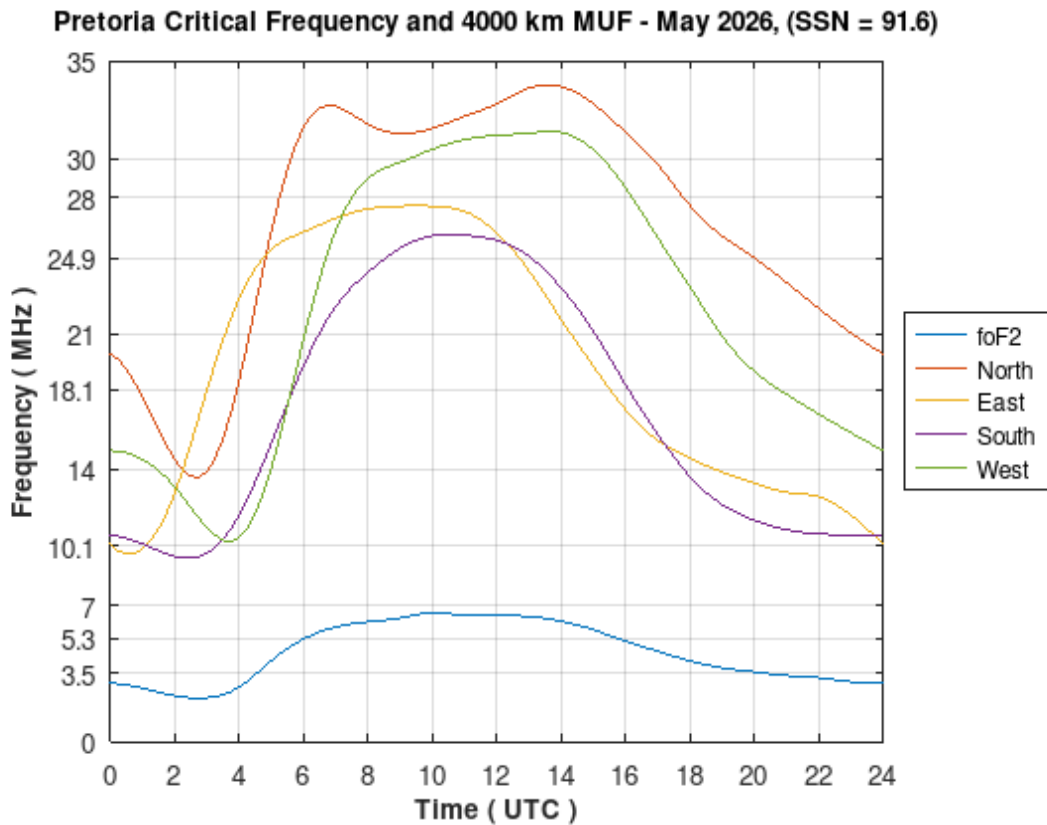
In all, five club members took turns and were able to acquire the spacecraft signal on the second and fourth days of the mission. The information was recorded and is still being analyzed.

For the club members, what was their reaction to this opportunity? "Fantastic!" said Manfredi. "Twenty years from now, they may not remember who taught them calculus but will remember cold nights and mornings at 4:00 AM on the roof tracking a spacecraft."

The PARC is 111 years old and received its first experimental license, 8YI, in 1915. It is an ARRL Affiliated Club.

Long Term HF Propagation - May 2026 By Vincent, ZS6BTY

The graph below shows the predicted [1] F-layer Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF) for Pretoria using monthly sunspot numbers from SILSO [2].



Local Propagation (up to 500 km): The F or F2 critical frequency (f_oF2) is the MUF for short range, near vertical incidence sky-wave (NVIS) propagation.

Long Distance Propagation: The MUF for a first hop of 4000 km in the cardinal directions are labeled North, East, South and West. They indicate the direction that propagation may be expected.

Worldwide Propagation Maps: <http://www.parc.org.za/index.php?page=propagation>

“Prediction is difficult, especially when dealing with the future”. . . Danish Proverb

73 Vincent, ZS6BTY

[1] FTZMUF2: A simple method of estimating the ionospheric parameters of f_oF2 and $M(3000)$ with the aid of a home computer - Thomas Damboldt and Peter Süßmann, Deutsche Bundespost, December 1988.

[2] Silso 12-month forecasts of the monthly sunspot number (<http://sidc.oma.be/silso/FORECASTS/prediML.txt>)



The graphic features the Shield Racing logo at the top, which includes a checkered flag and the text 'SHIELD RACING'. Below the logo is the title '2026 RALLY SEASON'. The main content is a vertical list of seven rally events, each presented in a black bar with white text for dates and months, and yellow text for the event name. The background of the graphic shows a yellow and black rally car driving on a dirt road, kicking up dust.

Date	Month	Rally Name
21	MAR	ALL TAR GEROTEK
24/25	APR	SWARTLAND RALLY
29/30	MAY	TZANEEN RALLY
10/11	JUL	ALGOA RALLY
21/22	AUG	TGRSA ERMELO RALLY
25/26	SEPT	FOURIESBURG RALLY
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MSA NATIONAL RALLY-RAID CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCULAR 1 OF 2026

Affected parties are hereby advised of the following amendment to the 2026 MSA National Rally-Raid Championship Calendar, effective immediately, as approved by the MSA SA Rally-Raid Championship Promoter:

DATE	NAME OF VENUE	PROVINCE	ROUND	STATUS
6 – 7 Mar 2026	Stella	North-West	1	POSTPONED
8 – 10 May 2026	Oudeniqua	Western Cape	2-1	
19 – 20 June 2026	Parys	Free State	3-2	
24 – 25 July 2026	Bronkhorstspuit	Gauteng	4-3	
28 – 29 August 2026	Reserve	Reserve	5-4	
9 – 10 October 2026	Vryheid	KwaZulu-Natal	6-5	
13 – 14 November 2026	Thabazimbi	Limpopo	7-6	

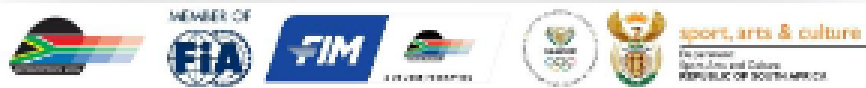
A revised 2026 SA Rally-Raid Championship calendar will be communicated to all stakeholders once finalised.

MSA apologises for any inconvenience caused by this change, but it is due to circumstances beyond MSA's control.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Charmaine Fortune - charmaine@sarallyraid.co.za

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PARC Sunday Bulletins | PARK Sondag Bulletins

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 contribute to the Bulletin. PARC Bulletins are broadcast on the 2-meter repeater on 145.725 MHz, and 70 cm on 438.825 and 439.025 MHz. Relays are done on 7.060 MHz by Pierre ZS6PS and Corlia ZS6CHS Smit and on Echolink by Johan Lehman ZS6JPL.

A re-broadcast of the Bulletin is done the following Monday evening at 19h45 by Louis de Wet ZS6SK.

PARK Bulletins word op Sondag oggende aangebied om 08h45, na die SARL Bulletins in Engels en Afrikaans, vanaf 08h15. Die 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 438.825 en 439.025 MHz. Herleidings word gedoen op 7.060 MHz deur Pierre ZS6PS en Corlia ZS6CHS Smit, en op Echolink deur Johan Lehman ZS6JPL.

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31 May 2026	Louis de Wet ZS6SK		



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To help members stay in sync with club commitments, please note that our financial year runs from **1 July to 30 June**. Membership fees are payable annually during the month of July, marking the start of our new financial cycle.

We encourage all members to renew their subscriptions in July to ensure uninterrupted participation in club activities and communications.

**** If membership fees remain overdue for three months, the membership will automatically be marked as inactive.**

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