



South African Radio League

Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

Laurence Arthur Devereux, ZS5DL

Inducted in 2019



Laurie Devereux was born in Durban on 12 February 1930. He retired as a Provincial Licensing Official in 1993. He joined the SARL in 1947 as a listener member. He obtained his amateur radio licence in 1970 as ZR5AL. In 1974 passed the CW test and became ZS5DL.

Laurie has always been very proactive in promoting the hobby of amateur radio for many years. A list of his contributions to amateur radio are:

Chairman of the Durban Amateur Radio branch of the SARL for 16 years, this includes Secretary and Treasurer.

He was a member of Wachthuis Radio Reserve for many years.

Attended all SARL AGM's on behalf of the Branch.

Was on SARL Council for many years.

Was editor of the Durban Amateur Radio Club's CQ newsletter for several years.

Started a one-hour LIVE programme called Ham Magazine, a weekly 1-hour Sunday live programme on the air on the Durban AR Club repeater in 1970 and is still producing this programme every Sunday morning from 09:00 to 10:00.

He joined ZS6AKV in producing the weekly Amateur Radio Mirror International programme, broadcast worldwide every Sunday for many years, later to become Amateur Radio Today. Some plus minus 20 years.

He produced the Radio Regulations booklet form for sale to members of the SARL.

Produced the SARL Call Sign book in 2002. Has organised many RTA/AMSAT/Hamfest events in Durban from approximately 1995 to 2011.

He produced the valuable document Hand Book for Clubs several years ago. The first of its kind.

He was a member of SA AMSAT (AMSAT SA) for many years and served on committee.

He organised the RAE courses for the Durban Club and lectured on the Radio Regulations for about 20 years.

He organised the successful SARL AGM in Durban in 1970 and 2006 and the 2012 AGM on behalf of the Highway Amateur Radio

Club.

He has also written several articles for Radio ZS.

Laurie has received numerous awards

He received the Amateur Radio of the Year award in 1990 for Amateur Radio activities.

He received the Jack Twine Award by the SARL many years ago.

He was awarded the Willie Wilson Gold Badge in 2014 for many years of work done for the SARL.

He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the SARL.

He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Durban Amateur Radio Club.

He received the Garry Immelman Radio Amateur Heritage award in 2000.