SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Nomination for SARL Amateur Radio Hall of Fame: Donovan van Loggerenberg, ZS2DL

Brief Biography of Nominee

Donovan was born in 1972 and licensed as ZS2DL in 1991.
He was exposed to amateur Radio from an early age by his grandfather ZT2V/ZS2AN and his father Jim ZS2LR. Building on that tradition Donovan's wife Rosalie ZS2DN (previously ZR2RL) and son Aidan ZS2CV and Craig ZS2LR are part of the van Loggerenberg Amateur Radio history.
Donovan is the owner of Ham Radio Outlet located in Port Elizabeth serving the amateur Radio community in South Africa Since 2005.

Nominee's Contribution to Amateur Radio

Donovan was chairman of PEARS (Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society) for 6 years over two terms. 2007-2009 and again 2021-2024. He is the columnist for the QSX newsletter from PEARS and has also written several columns for the PEARS QSX Newsletter as well as a few for Radio ZS.
Donovan is a top contester and DXer in South Africa. He regularly supports local Radio amateurs with knowledge and firsthand experience and continues to give back by mentoring as many newly licensed amateurs as possible.
Donovan has always been available to be involved in as many activities as possible which include Field Days, SARL on air activities and local events such as the Volkswagen Algoa Rally during which amateur radio could be show cased.
Donovan also became one of the original proponents of the well know PEARS WIFI network and via his company was instrumental in financing the original hub equipment.
Not satisfied with just giving class A lectures he was also instrumental in starting the first High School club in Port Elizabeth with the aid of a science master at Alexander Road High School in the city.
Donovan is a proud SARL (South African Radio League) member in good standing since 1991 with 33 years unbroken membership. His alignment with the SARL is also reflected during his RAE courses and presentations with students. He is the administrator for the RAE course in the Port Elizabeth region. Has been the course presenter since 2008 and has seen close on 300 candidates write the RAE in the Port Elizabeth area under his tutelage.
Donovan presented several YouTube videos on the RAE and HF assessments which now serve as a guideline for other clubs to follow.

Nominee's Other Achievements

Donovan is an active DXer in CW, phone, and digital modes.
He was part of the following DXpeditions:
A22D – April 2014
7P8D – Nov 2012 Team Leader. This was a multinational DXpedition breaking several records at the time, including zone record during the annual CQWW CW contest.
3DA0WW – Oct 2007
ZS9X - 2009 Team member with ZS4TX, ZS4JAN, ZS4U, ZS6EZ
Donovan was instrumental in the development of the ZT2V Contest Team. As team leader together with Barry ZS2EZ, Mitch ZS2DK, Colette ZS2CR, Anthony ZS2BA, Henning ZS2HK and Glen ZS2GV, they set new standards for multi-operator contesting from ZS2. This was the first and only time a Multi 2 Team has ever partaken from ZS2.

Donovan's list of DX awards is endless. Following is just a few worthwhile mentioning:
DXCC: Honor Roll-Mixed, Phone, CW, Digital, 9BDXCC
Challenge-2000, Challenge 5band, Challenge WARC
WAS: Phone, CW, Digital & Triple play
SARL: Willy Wilson Award
President's Award
Jack Twine Merit Award
Anon Trophy
Joseph White Trophy
All Africa Award
Top Band Award
WAZS 300

Links to Source Material

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Details of Proposer and Seconder

Jan Botha, ZS4JAN
I am a member of the SARL in good standing since 2003.
19 September 2024

Nico Oelofse, ZS4N
I am a member of the SARL in good standing since 1994.
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