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Amateur Radio Frequency Usage Around The SKA

The SARL Council received an enquiry from a radio amateur in Loxton about frequency usage around the Square Kilometre Array in the Northern Cape. An e-mail was sent to Njabulo Duma, the Project Coordinator: Astronomy Management Authority at the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation.

The answer from Njabulo is, "The frequencies indicated below 100 MHz may be used and do not require a permit as they fall outside the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Areas (KCAAA) prohibited spectrum. [137 and 479 kHz; 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 8, 6 and 4 metres]. The 144 – 146 MHz band is allocated for amateur radio inside the KCAAA but would still require a permit in line with the KCAAA regulations."

The application form for the permit is available at the Department of Science and Innovation offices and online at <https://ama.dst.gov.za>.

The October Radio ZS

A call to all those lighthouse stations in August, what about an article on your activity during the Lighthouse Weekend. And the Spring SOTA Activity weekend – send an article about your trip up the mountain and the QSOs you made. What about that project you are working on. Send your article to radiozs@sarl.org.za by Sunday, 27 September 2026.

The Voortrekkers 95 Years – Commemorative Broadcasts

September

- 23 – the Spring Equinox, provincial Schools close
- 24 – National Braai Day and Heritage Day
- 26 – World Maritime Day
- 26 and 27 – the CQ WW RTTY contest
- 27 – World Tourism Day

October

- 1 – the SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 3 – the East Rand Boot Sale
- 4 – the AWA SSB Valve QSO Party
- 5 – World Teachers' Day
- 6 – Provincial Schools open
- 7 – Draconids Meteor Shower
- 9 – World Postal Day
- 10 – Radio Amateur Examination and Kruger Day
- 12 – World Migratory Bird Day
- 14 – Early Morning Coffee QSO Party
- 16 to 18 – Jamboree-on-the-Air
- 17 – CQ Hou Koers and BACAR-14 launch
- 21 – the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
- 21 and 22 – Orionids Meteor Shower
- 24 and 25 – CQ WW DX Phone contest

The Voortrekker Movement celebrates its 95th anniversary on 30 September 2026. To mark this special milestone, special amateur radio broadcasts will take place from two Voortrekker sites. Starting at 13:00 UTC on Friday, 25 September 2026, Die Voortrekkers will broadcast from the Vredefort Dome. The special commemorative call sign ZS95VTS will be used on 7,095 MHz.

Then, on Wednesday, 30 September 2026, the Voortrekkers will broadcast from the De Bank Voortrekker site on the banks of the Vaal Dam, starting at 07:00 UTC on 7,095 MHz. These broadcasts also offer our youth members the opportunity to go on air themselves. The radio activity forms part of the Communications specialization that the youth members will complete during the two respective camps. It is a unique opportunity to celebrate the 95-year history of Die Voortrekkers while young people simultaneously gain practical experience in amateur radio communication. For further enquiries, please contact Gerhard (ZS6CRS) at zs6crs@gmail.com.

Results of the 2nd Leg of the Africa FT4 DX Contest

Twenty-two logs were received for the second leg of the Africa FT4 DX Contest held on 12 September 2026. Seventeen logs were received from operators within African DXCC entities and the other five from non-African entities.

African Entities

- 1st Johann Bezuidenhout, ZS6JBZ - 201 points
- 2nd Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT - 183 points
- 3rd Keith Barker, ZS6HI - 175 points
- 4th Brett Illing, ZS6BIL - 163 points
- 5th Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT - 160 points
- 6th Cliff Jones, ZS6BJU - 154 points
- 7th Kobus Boshoff, ZS6BOS - 153 points
- 8th Marc L Veary, 7Q5MLV - 148 points
- 9th Chris Vercuiel, ZS6CVL - 138 points
- 10th Martin James, V51MJ and Andre du Plessis, ZR6AGA - 115 points
- 12th Phillip Fischer, ZS6FY - 107 points
- 13th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC - 92 points
- 14th Leon Olivier, ZR6LO - 79 points
- 15th Tiens van Zyl, ZS6TVZ - 76 points
- 16th Kobus Kotze, ZS6KBS - 67 points
- 17th Shaun Pohlmann, ZS2SAP - 22 points

Non-African Entities

- 1st Zvone Sostaric, 9A2VX - 28 points
- 2nd M "FARUK" Bulut, TA1MB - 16 points
- 3rd Arman R. Awatin, 4I1LCT and Frank Arthur, NA5M - 12 points
- 5th Alex Filipov, US7UK - 8 points

Combined Results of the 2026 Africa FT4 DX Contest

African Entities

- 1st Johann Bezuidenhout, ZS6JBZ - 387 points
- 2nd Keith Barker, ZS6HI - 360 points
- 3rd Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT - 339 points
- 4th Kobus Boshoff, ZS6BOS - 292 points
- 5th Martin James, V51MJ - 267 points
- 6th John Green, A2NEW - 260 points
- 7th Danie Schnetler, ZS6DPS - 191 points
- 8th Kobus Kotze, ZS6KBS - 170 points

9th Brett Illing, ZS6BIL - 163 points
 10th Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT - 160 points
 11th Cliff Jones, ZS6BJU - 154 points
 12th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC - 154 points
 13th Marc L Veary, 7Q5MLV - 148 points
 14th Chris Vercuiel, ZS6CVL - 138 points
 15th David MacGregor, ZR6DM and Dieter Hoffmann, ZS1DWH - 125 points
 17th Andre du Plessis, ZR6AGA - 115 points
 18th Sid Tyler, ZS5AYC - 108 points
 19th Phillip Fischer, ZS6FY - 107 points
 20th Johan van Dyk, ZS6JVD - 102 points
 21st Peter Burnham, ZS1PT - 86 points
 22nd Leon Olivier, ZR6LO - 79 points
 23rd Tiens van Zyl, ZS6TVZ - 76 points
 24th Stewart Clark, ZR1WT and Paul Tye, ZS1PTY - 70 points
 26th Shaun Pohlmann, ZS2SAP - 22 points

Non-African Entities

1st Zvone Sostaric, 9A2VX - 28 points
 2nd M "FARUK" Bulut, TA1MB - 16 points
 3rd Arman R. Awatin, 4I1LCT; Frank Arthur, NA5M and Mr Zhao, BG5BAA - 12 points
 6th Alex Filipov, US7UK - 8 points
 7th Wil Wilfred, FR4AW - 4 points

We hope you enjoyed the 2026 Africa FT4 DX Contest and look forward to seeing your logs in 2027.
 The West Rand Amateur Radio Club, ZS6WR

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Senegal, 6W. The Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Senegal from 28 October to 9 November. Team members include Elvira, IV3FSG; Franco I1FQH; Alfeo I1HJT; Tony I2PJA; Silvano I2YSB; Oscar IK2AQZ; Angelo IK2CKR and Stefano IK2HKT. They will operate with five stations using CW, SSB and RTTY as 6W/I2YSB and digital as 6W/IK2HKT on 160 to 6 metres. QSLs direct to I2YSB. See www.i2ysb.com/idx/ for more information, including the band plan and the direct links to the live stream and the real-time online log & OQRS.

African Islands

(These unfortunately do not count towards your All Africa Award)

Indian Ocean. Ludovic, F1TEQ will be active as FR/F1TEQ from Reunion Island (AF-016) between 19 and 26 September and as FH/F1TEQ from Mayotte (AF-027) between 26 and 30 September. He will operate SSB on 20, 15 and 10 metres in his spare time. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/F1TEQ> for possible updates.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 21 to 28 September 2026.

The weekly contest information e-mail did not arrive on Tuesday and not on Wednesday.

Next Week's Contests

Contest Results (published as received!)

Results of the second leg of the SARL Field Day

Class A: Field Station, Multi operator		
1st	Dam Vereeniging, ZS9DV	202 418
2nd	West Rand Amateur Radio Club, ZS6WR	103 154
3rd	Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society, ZS2PE	42 818
4th	Pretoria Amateur Radio Club, ZS6PTA	37 634
5th	Cape Coast Radio Club, ZS1CCR	28 274
6th	Cape Radio Group, ZS1CRG	27 600
7th	Hibiscus Coast Amateur Radio Club, ZS5HAC	13 334
8th	West Coast Amateur Radio Club, ZS1WK	7 358
9th	ZS Link Network Group, ZS1ZSG	5 090

Class B: Field Station, Multi operator, QRP		
1st	Sasolburg Amateurradioklub, ZS4SRK	30 290

Class C: Field Station, Single Operator		
1st	Paulo, ZS6CRZ	10 850
2nd	Anthony, ZS6ANT	6 386
3rd	Patrick, ZR6PE	2 808
4th	Trevor, ZS1PIG	2 498
5th	Eddie, ZS6BNE	1 404

Class G: General Stations		
1st	Sandton Amateur Radio Club, ZS6STN	1 418
2nd	Dave, ZS6DDT	480
3rd	Martin, V51MJ	248
4th	Phillip, ZS6FY	224
5th	Peter, ZS5PL/6	136
6th	Gawie, ZS5R	120
7th	Johannes, ZS6JOH	114
8th	Mark, ZS6MDX	102
9th	Theunis, ZS2EC	74
10th	Jannes, ZS6DRJ	60
11th	Jack, ZS6JJK	36
12th	Johann, ZS6JBZ	8
13th	Vasco, D2ACE	2

The combined results of the SARL Field Day

Class A: Field Station, Multi operator		
1 st	Dam Vereeniging, ZS9DV	346 612
2 nd	The West Rand ARC, ZS6WR	262 132
3 rd	The Sandton ARC, ZS6STN	184 658
4 th	The Cape Radio Group, ZS1CRG	85 970
5 th	Port Elizabeth ARS, ZS2PE	84 988
6 th	The Northern Cape ARC, ZS3NC	72 770

7 th	The Pretoria ARC, ZS6PTA	37 634
8 th	The Cape Coast ARC, ZS1CCR	28 274
9 th	The Hibiscus Coast ARC, ZS5HAC	22 600
10 th	The Magalies ARC, ZS6MRK	10 418
11 th	The West Coast ARC, ZS1WK	7 358
12 th	The ZS Link Network Group, ZS1ZSG	5 090

Class B: Field Station, Multi operator, QRP		
1st	Sasolburg Amateurradioklub, ZS4SRK	98 330

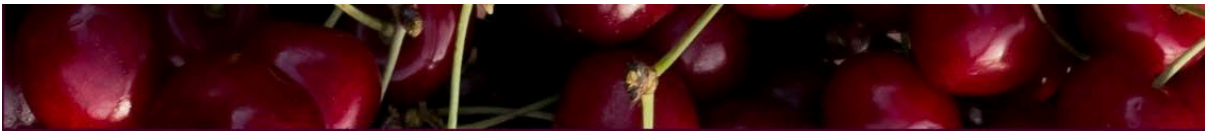
Class C: Field Station, Single Operator		
1 st	Anthony, ZS6ANT	34 610
2 nd	Patrick, ZR6PE	22 514
3 rd	Paolo, ZS6CRZ	10 850
4 th	The Pretoria ARC, ZS6PTA	10 418
5 th	The Alberton ARIG, ZR6TDK	4 802
6 th	Johan, ZS6JVD	4 680
7 th	Trevor, ZS1PIG	2 498
8 th	Eddie, ZS6BNE	1 404

Class D: Field Station, Single Operator, QRP		
1 st	Johan, ZS2KP	18194

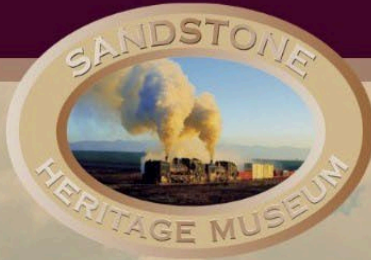
Class E: Ultra-Light Portable Field Station		
1 st	Phillip, ZS6FY	85 170

Class G: General Stations		
1 st	The Sandton ARC, ZS6STN	1 418
2 nd	Dave, ZS6DDT	1 152
3 rd	Jack, ZS6JJK	412
4 th	Martin, V51MJ	388
5 th	Romeo, ZS6ARQ	360
6 th	Johann, ZS6JBZ	336
7 th	Johannes, ZS6JOH	306
8 th	Mark, ZS6MDX	304
9 th	Dylan, ZS2D	270
10 th	Phillip, ZS6FY	224
11 th	Nico, ZS6WNL	216
12 th	Theunis, ZS2EC	164
13 th	Peter, ZS5PL/6	136
14 th	Roy, ZS1YR/M	128
15 th	Gawie, ZS5R	120
16 th	The West Coast ARC, ZS1WK/M	104
17 th	Jannes, ZS6DRJ	60
18 th	Andre, ZS1F	48
19 th	Woody, ZS3WL	36
20 th	Richard, ZR6DE	6
21 st	Vasco, D2ACE	2

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