

The South African Radio League
2027 Diary of Events

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga
2027 Dagboek van Gebeure

"Experimenting with emerging technologies to enhance the amateur radio experience."
"Eksperimentering met opkomende tegnologieë om die amateur radio-ervaring te verbeter."

The Amateur's Code

CONSIDERATE…
Never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL…

offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs and the South African Radio League, through which Amateur Radio in South Africa is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE…

with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY…

slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED…

Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC…

station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

Die Amateur se Kode

BEDAGSAAM…
Die amateur is 'n ware heer. Hy sal nooit bewustelik of moedswillig die radiogolwe op so 'n wyse vir sy eie genot aanwend om daardeur die genot vir ander te bederf nie.

LOJAAL…

Die Amateur is lojaal teenoor die Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga en bied sy ondersteuning aan. Hy lê hom neer by die onderneming wat die SARL aan die owerheid beloof het.

PROGRESSIEF…
Die Amateur is progressief en sy stasie is in tred met die wetenskap. Sy bedienings praktyk is netjies en ordelik.

VRIENDELIK…

Die Amateur is vriendelik en verdraagsaam wanneer aan hom 'n versoek gerig word. Hy verstrek geredelik raad aan alle amateurs en verleen hulp en samewerking in die gees van amateur radio.

EWEWIGTIG…

Die Amateur is ewewigtig en laat nie toe dat sy stokperdjie met sy gesinslewe, werk of gemeenskap inmeng nie.

PATRIOTIES…

Die Amateur is patrioties, sy kennis en stasie is altyd vir sy land en gemeenskap beskikbaar.



South African Radio League / Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga

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The South African Radio League broadcasts a news bulletin each Sunday in Afrikaans and in English at 08:15 and 08:30 Central African Time respectively on HF and various VHF and UHF repeaters around the country. The bulletin is relayed on Echolink and Allstar Node 53511 by Johan, ZS6JPL. The audio bulletins can be downloaded from https://sarlnews.podbean.com/ while the text bulletin can be downloaded from https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-news/

Clubs and individuals are invited to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners. Wherever possible, submissions should be provided in both English and Afrikaans. News items may be uploaded at https://mysarl.org.za/news-inbox and/or e-mailed to news@sarl.org.za no later than 12:00 CAT on the Friday preceding the bulletin date.

The weekly radio programme Amateur Radio Today can be heard every Sunday morning at 10:00 CAT. The programme is carried on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and is relayed on 7 115 kHz lower sideband by Louie, ZR4DJL. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz. Signal reports, comments and suggestions are welcome, please send them by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga saai elke Sondag nuus bulletins uit in Afrikaans sowel as Engels om 08:15 en 08:30 Sentraal Afrika Tyd onderskeidelik op HF sowel as op verskeie BHF- en UHF-herhalers. Hierdie uitsendings word ook via Echolink en Allstar Node 53511 herlei deur Johan, ZS6JPL. Die oudio bulletins kan afgelaai word vanaf https://sarlnews.podbean.com/ terwyl die teks bulletins by https://mysarl.org.za/sarl-news/ afgelaai kan word.

Ons nooi klubs en individue uit om nuusberigte van belang vir radioamateurs en kortgolfluisteraars in te dien, indien moontlik in beide Engels en Afrikaans, deur die nuusberig op te laai by https://mysarl.org.za/news-inbox/ en/of die items te stuur na news@sarl.org.za, nie later nie as 12:00 SAT op die Vrydag voor die bulletin datum.

Die weeklikse radioprogram Amateur Radio Today kan elke Sondagoggend om 10:00 SAT gehoor word. Die program kan landwyd op BHF- en UHF-herhalers gehoor word en word deur Louie, ZR4DJL, op die 7 115 kHz laer syband herlei. 'n Heruitsending deur Andy, ZS6ADY, kan Maandagaande om 19:30 SAT op 3 620 kHz gehoor word. Ons ontvang graag jou sein rapporte, kommentaar en voorstelle, stuur 'n e-pos aan artoday@sarl.org.za.

January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 Old Year's Eve; the end of the 2026 YOTA Month and the DX Marathon	1 New Year's Day, the start of the 2027 DX Marathon and the start of ISS Contact Session	2 ARRL Kid's Day
3 the Quadrantids meteor shower 	4 the Quadrantids meteor shower	5	6	7	8 the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest	9 the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest 
10 the PEARS National VHF/UHF Contest	11	12	13 Provincial Schools open 	14	15	16 SARL QRP Contest
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 the SARL Saturday 40 m Club contest
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 the Pretoria Flea Market 
31 the closing date for AGM Motions, Award and Council nominations	1	2	3	4	5	6

February 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 the closing date for AGM Motions, Award and Council nominations	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day and the HamSat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party	15	16	17 the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest	18	19	20 Penumbral Lunar Eclipse
21	22	23 Orange Free State Day – 1854 	24	25	26	27 National Milk Tart Day and the East Rand Flea Market 
28	1	2	3	4	5	6 the West Rand Boot Sale and the SARL YL QSO Party

March 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6 the West Rand Boot Sale and the SARL YL QSO Party 
7 the SARL HAMNET 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13 the RSGB Commonwealth Contest and the SARL National Field Day
14 the RSGB Commonwealth Contest, the SARL National Field Day and the YOTA Contest 	15	16 the start of the SARL March Equinox 6 m African DX Entity Challenge	17 St Patrick's Day 	18	19 Provincial Schools close	20 Autumn Equinox @ 20:26 UTC and the SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest
21 Human Rights Day and Namibian Independence Day	22 Public Holiday	23	24	25 the 2027 SARL AGM Booklet made available, the Cosmos Festival	26 Good Friday and the Cosmos Festival	27 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, the All-Africa DX Contest and the Cosmos Festival 
28 Easter Sunday, the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, the All-Africa DX Contest and the Cosmos Festival	29 Family Day	30	31	1 SARL 80 m QSO Party	2	3 SARL QRP Contest

April 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Easter Sunday; the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, the All-Africa DX Contest and the Cosmos Festival	29 Family Day	30	31	1 SARL 80 m QSO Party	2	3 SARL QRP Contest
4	5	6 Provincial Schools open	7	8	9	10 the SARL Technical Symposium, the Pretoria Flea Market and the Africa FT4 DX Contest
11 the ZS4 QSO Party	12	13	14	15	16 the end of the SARL March Equinox 6 m African DX Entity Chal-lenge	17 SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
18 World Amateur Radio Day 	19	20	21	22 Lyrids meteor shower 	23 Lyrids meteor shower and the SARL National Convention	24 SARL National Convention 
25 Marconi Day 	26 School holiday	27 Freedom Day and Morse Day 	28	29	30 the end of ISS Contact Session	1 Worker's Day and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest

May 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Marconi Day	26 School holiday	27 Freedom Day and Morse Day	28	29	30 the end of ISS Contact Session	1 Worker's Day and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
2 the Antique Wireless Association SSB Valve QSO Party	3	4	5 Eta Aquarids meteor shower 	6 Ascension Day and Eta Aquarids meteor shower	7	8
9	10	11	12 the Early Morning Coffee QSO Party	13	14	15 the May RAE 
16 the ZS3 QSO Party	17	18	19 the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest	20 the SARL's 102nd Birthday 	21	22 the ZS SOTA Autumn Weekend 
23 the ZS SOTA Autumn Weekend 	24	25	26	27	28	29 the West Rand Boot Sale and the CQ WW WPX CW Contest 
30 the CQ WW WPX CW Contest 	31 Republic Day	1	2 the formation of the SA Women's Radio Club in 1952	3	4	5 the ARRL International Digital Contest

June 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 the CQ WW WPX CW Contest	31 Republic Day	1	2 the formation of the SA Women's Radio Club in 1952	3	4	5 the ARRL International Digital Contest
6 ARRL International Digital Contest	7	8	9	10	11	12 the Queens of the Mountains and the SARL VHF/UHF FM mode contest
13 the Queens of the Mountains event 	14	15	16 Youth Day and the SARL Youth QSO Party	17 World QRP Day 	18	19 the SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest
20	21 the Winter Solstice @ 14:13 UTC and World Giraffe Day 	22	23	24 the SARL Top Band QSO Contest	25 provincial schools close, Ham Radio and the SARL Top Band QSO Contest	26 Ham Radio, the Top Band QSO Contest and ARRL Field Day 
27 Ham Radio, the SARL Top Band QSO Contest and the ARRL Field Day	28	29	30 the end of 2026/27 SARL Financial Year	1 the start of 2027/28 SARL Financial Year	2	3 the Pretoria Flea Market and the SARL Newbie QSO Party

July 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Ham Radio, Top Band QSO contest and ARRL Field Day 	28	29	30 the end of 2026/27 SARL Financial Year 	1 the start of 2027/28 SARL Financial Year	2	3 the Pretoria Flea Market and the SARL Newbie QSO Party 
4 the ZS5 QSO Party	5	6	7	8	9	10 the IARU HF Championships 
11 the IARU HF Championships 	12	13	14	15	16	17 the SARL QRP Contest
18 the YOTA contest and the ZS2 QSO Party 	19	20 Provincial Schools open	21	22	23	24 the IOTA Contest and SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest 
25 the IOTA Contest and the ZS1 QSO Party 	26	27	28 the Delta Aquarids meteor shower 	29 the Delta Aquarids meteor shower	30	31

August 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SARL HF Phone Contest	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 the SARL HF Digital Contest	9 National Women's Day and the SARL YL QSO Party	10	11	12 the Perseids meteor shower and International Youth Day	13 the Perseids meteor shower 	14 the SARL Youth QSO Party
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 International Lighthouse /Lightship weekend 
22 International Lighthouse weekend and SARL HF CW contest 	23	24	25	26	27	28 the Southern Delta Aquariids and the West Rand Boot Sale 
29 the Southern Delta Aquariids 	30	31	1 Secretary's Day	2	3	4 the SARL National Field Day

September 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 the South-ern Delta Aquariids	30	31	1 Secretary's Day 	2	3	4 the SARL National Field Day
5 the SARL National Field Day	6	7	8	9	10	11 the Euro-pean SOTA Day and the Africa FT4 DX Contest
12	13	14	15	16 the start of the SARL September Equinox 6 m African DX Entity Chal-lenge	17	18 the ZS SO-TA Activity Weekend
19 the ZS SO-TA Activity Weekend	20	21	22 Provincial Schools close	23 the Spring Equinox @ 06:04 UTC	24 Heritage Day/Braai Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 the East Rand Flea Market

October 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 the East Rand Flea Market 
3	4	5 Provincial Schools open	6	7 the Draconids meteor shower and the SARL 80 m QSO Party	8	9 the October RAE 
10	11	12	13 the Early Morning Coffee QSO Party	14	15 JOTA 	16 CQ Hou Koers, JOTA, BACAR 2027 and end of the SARL September Equinox 6 m Challenge
17 JOTA	18	19	20	21 the Orionids meteor shower 	22 the Orionids meteor shower	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 the CQ WW DX SSB Contest 
31 the CQ WW DX SSB Contest 	1	2	3	4 the Taurids meteor shower	5 the Taurids meteor shower	6 the West Rand Boot Sale

November 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 the CQ WW DX SSB Contest	1	2	3	4 the Taurids meteor shower 	5 the Taurids meteor shower	6 the West Rand Boot Sale 
7	8	9 Hedy Lamar Day	10	11 Armistice Day 	12	13 the SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest
14	15	16	17 the Leonids meteor shower 	18 the Leonids meteor shower	19	20 the SARL Newbie QSO Party
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 the CQ WW DX CW Contest and SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest 
28 the CQ WW DX CW Contest 	29	30	1 the start of the YOTA Month	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 the Pretoria Flea Market

December 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 the CQ WW DX CW Contest 	29	30	1 the start of the YOTA Month 	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities 	4 the Pretoria Flea Market 
5 International Volunteers Day 	6	7	8 Provincial schools close (officially) 	9	10 International Human Rights Day	11 International Mountain Day and the ARRL 10 m Contest
12 the ARRL 10 m Contest	13 Geminids meteor shower	14 Geminids meteor shower and the start of the SARL Happy Holiday Hunt Event	15	16 Day of the Vow	17	18
19	20	21	22 Summer Solstice @ 02:45 UTC	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Family Day	27 Public Holiday and the YOTA Contest 	28	29	30	31 Old Year's Eve; the end of the YOTA Month and the DX Marathon	1 New Year's Day and the start of the 2028 DX Marathon

The DX Code of Conduct

- I will listen and listen and then listen again before calling
- I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly
- I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling
- I will not interfere with the DX station, or anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot
- I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call
- I will always send my full call sign
- I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval
- I will not call continuously
- I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine
- I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine
- I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine
- When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly
- I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact
- I will respect my fellow radio amateurs and conduct myself so as to earn their respect

Die DX Gedragskode

- Ek sal luister, luister en nog luister
- Ek sal alleenlik roep indien ek die DX hoor.
- Ek sal nie die DX Kluster blindelings vertrou nie en eers seker maak van die DX se ware roepsein voordat ek roep
- Ek sal nie steurings veroorsaak vir die DX of enigeen wat hom roep nie en ook nie opstem op die DX of die QRX frekwensie nie
- Ek sal wag totdat die DX klaar is met sy kontak voordat ek roep
- Ek sal altyd my volle roepsein stuur
- Ek sal roep en redelike periode wag
- Ek sal nie aanhoudend roep nie
- Ek sal nie uitsaai wanneer die DX ‘n ander roepsein as myne roep nie
- Ek sal nie uitsaai indien die DX ‘n roepsein bevraagteken wat nie soos myne klink nie
- Ek sal nie uitsaai indien die DX ‘n ander Geografiese area roep nie
- Indien die DX my roep, sal ek nie my roepsein herhaal behalwe as ek dink hy het dit verkeerd gehoor nie
- Ek sal dankbaar wees indien ek die kontak gemaak het
- Ek sal my mede Amateurs respekteer en myself handhaaf om sodoende hulle respek te verdien.

Vertaal deur en met dank aan Raoul, ZS1C



Amateur Radio Logbook – Call sign:								
Date:		Location:						Page no:
Time	Call sign	Band	Mode	Power	Signal Out	Signal In	Name	Location / Notes

Date	Time (UTC)	Station Called	Called By	RX Freq.	His Signals			My Signals			TX Freq.	Mode	Time ending QSO	Power out	REMARKS	QSO No.	QSL Card	
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