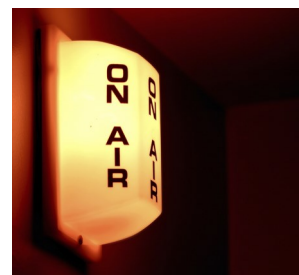




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Chairman's Chat

What a paradox we live in! The proposed City of Cape Town Zoning Act does certainly not favour our hobby, particularly regarding masts and antennas. Yet, in all our areas we are subject to squatter camps and so called housing estates where anything goes. I see by-laws flaunted all over the place, which indicates at least a two tier level of so called administration.

Of course it may be unfair to compare the above, but the underlying factor is revenue, and I'm sure personalities come into the equation too. But it does seem that there is a law for the rich and one for the poor! Can a standard be maintained where the factors are undermined by bureaucracy, politics and corruption? No wonder the world is so 'topsy turvy! Where is the rationale?



Some more food for thought! On a recent group bus tour to Johannesburg I was surprised to see so many DSTV Dishes in the squatter camps as we passed. I have also noticed the phenomenon in Cape Town too! One may well ask then, where are the priorities? Enough of Noel's philosophy.

I have felt for a long time that the CTARC needs a complete revamp. We follow month after month, year after year the same protocol which to me, if I may use the Afrikaans term 'is holgery'. For those not '*au-feit*' with the term, it refers to a worn out horse where its back is so hollow, your feet almost touch the ground when riding it! In other words it has passed its 'sell by date'.

We need a new vibrant approach where all the club members are enthused. We need new blood, younger people with up to date ideas and our meetings to be of a different flavour. Maybe it would also be wise to select a much smaller committee to streamline the affairs. If we don't start planning and implementing changes now, it won't be long before the CTARC as a body will just be a memory. Yours truly will be stepping down as the Club Chairman at the AGM which is coming up soon, so let us have your ideas and thoughts in the meantime please.

Alan Smith ZS1AAX is retiring to Natal soon, and it is with sadness that we bid him farewell. He has been a stalwart of the club for many years, having served both on the Committee and as Chairman, assisted on field days, is a CW operator '*Par Excellence*' and did the 40M relay on the Sunday Bulletins. We thank him for his unstinting service and also for the very generous contribution of antennas and equipment to the club. Go well Alan, we will surely miss you, but keep in touch! It is sad to have his station closed and the lattice tower and two element beam disappear from the skyline. My thanks also goes to Tom Ambrose, ZS1TA, for transporting the equipment to the Clubhouse..... Thanks Tom!

Till next time, 'From this old shack to Yours'.

**Take Care, 73 to all,
de ZS1FW Noel.**

**Next Meeting
Saturday, 21
June.**

**N.B.
Start time 14:00.**

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Club News and Details

Hi Everyone

AGM is coming up shortly in July so all the applicable correspondence will be sent to you shortly and timeously.

Please also be aware yearly subs are due too. I will send out formal notices within the next couple of weeks for those, but if you have paid already please be kind enough to send me proof of payment as well as to Danny Blankenberg (your Treasurer) so I can make sure all the records are updated accordingly.

The Committee is looking for one or two members to be our representative/s at the Repeater Working Group Committee Meetings. These meetings happen once a quarter, so 4 times a year.

Anyone interested please contact Noel or myself. It would be good to have the CTARC represented at these meetings.

From July we have decided that Ragchew will become a bi-monthly Newsletter. As you will note this month is a really small edition, and the articles are becoming fewer and fewer, sad but true, so if we put out an edition once every 2 months it should be nice and full of interesting Ham related articles.

Enjoy this Saturdays meeting (24th May start time 14:00) and make a note of the next meeting date, Saturday 21 June.

Stay warm and dry, chat soon.



**Don't miss
the CTARC
bulletin every
Sunday at
08:30**

**Your Bulletin
readers are:
Tony, ZSITM
and
Rob, ZSISA**

**Do listen in
and enjoy
these
interesting
weekly
Bulletins**

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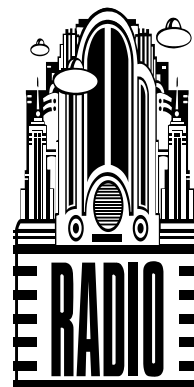
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Your CTARC Committee:

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Rob Bareham ZSISA	(Vice)	Deon Erwin ZSIZL (Tech Queries)
Danny Blankenburg ZSIBL	(Treasurer)	Paul Kennedy ZSIPXK
Anne Bareham	(Sec/ Ed)	Shaun Overmeyer ZSIRA
Dirk Lotz ZSIX		



CONTEST CORNER #35 By Dirk Lotz, ZS1X



Upcoming Local Events in **June** – Also see the SARL web:

<http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/contestrules.asp>

SARL ZS4 Sprint – 8 June
SARL Top Band QSO Party – 19 to 22 June

Upcoming International Events in **June** – See this link for more detail <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> Only some of the bigger contests have been mentioned below.

**“Upcoming
International
Events in
June”**

10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest	– 7,8 June
GACW WWSA CW DX Contest	– 14,15 June
All Asian DX Contest, CW	– 21,22 June
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB	– 28,29 June
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest	– 28,29 June

73's & Good DX!

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Upcoming Events..



Upcoming special events for the CTARC:

1.
Annual General Meeting: As always, the last Saturday in July, which is on 26 July this year.
2.
International Lighthouse and Lightship: As always, the third weekend in August, this year 16 and 17 August.

**Next
Meeting...
Saturday, 21
June N.B. start
time 14.00, at
the
Clubhouse.**

Swop Shop

Do send in your swops and you can name a price and send a picture too!

I am moving into a complex and have the following for sale:
ICOM IC-738 with microphone, Operators Manual and Service Manual.

DAIWA PS-304C Power Supply

DAIWA Cross Needle Power Meter 1.8 to 150Mhz.

I am looking for R4000 for the lot.

The equipment is located in Simon's Town.

I can be contacted by phone on 0217864404 or by email at maws@cybersmart.co.za.

Regards,

Eric ZSIEWM



FOR SALE by Pierre, ZU1DX:

1. Transceiver: Icom IC-2725

Dual-band VHF / UHF radio with cross-band capability; inc. power cord, manual, DTMF mike, original box and two external loudspeakers; Condition: New; **R3000-00** Non-negotiable

2. Antenna Analyser: Kuranishi BR-210

Japanese-made, Covers HF + VHF (2m) freqs; Condition: Used, but in good working order; **R2500-00** o.n.o.

3. Power Supply: MSE:

Switch-mode 12V 25A PSU; Condition: Used, but in good working order; **R600-00** o.n.o.

4. Chargers for Motorola GP300:

A variety of handie-chargers, Including a fast charger; Condition: Used, but in good working order; **Price: Negotiable**

5. Mobile Antenna: Diamond SG/M507

Dual-band VHF / UHF tilt-over antenna; Condition: New; **R300-00** Non-negotiable

6. Aluminium pole:

Length = 6 m, Diameter = 50 mm; Condition: Used; **R100-00** o.n.o.

7. Aluminium pole:

Length = 5.5 m, Diameter = < 50 mm, flattened at top; Condition: Used; **R100-00** o.n.o.

8. Power cords:

For Yaesu / Icom / Kenwood radios; Terminated with 6-pin Molex Plug; Condition: New; Ten available; **R50-00 each**, Non-negotiable

9. Component Cabinet:

Modular component cabinet, with transparent plastic trays; Spare trays available; Condition: Used, but in good condition; **R150-00** non-negotiable

10. Components:

A variety of components, capacitors, etc. Condition: New; **Price: Negotiable**

11. Antenna Hardware:

A variety of antenna U-bolts, clamps, cabin bolts, eyes, pulleys, and assorted hardware; Condition: New + Used; **Price: Negotiable**

Please note that with some items, the price is non-negotiable.

In other cases, the prices are "or nearest offer", or negotiable, as indicated.

Items are **preferably for collection** at my Cape Town QTH. Location: South-Western suburbs

Alternatively: postage, packaging and insurance costs for purchaser's account. Postage at purchaser's risk.

Contact **Pierre, ZU1DX** at Landline: **021-785-4341**, Cellphone: **076-828-6221** for further details.

Gentlemen and Ladies too, please let the Editor, (Anne) know if your goods are sold or you want to add or remove items. Please send requests to Anne at zslct@ctarc.org.za before the 10th of the month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

To all our club members who celebrate their birthdays in May, may your special day herald a fantastic year ahead and bring you all that you would wish for yourself and lots of good signal reports. Happy Birthday to you All.



05-Jun	ZS1MCB	Michele Basset
06-Jun	ZS1BL	Danny Blanckenberg
07-Jun	Sec	Anne Bareham
12-Jun	ZS1SA	Rob Bareham
14-Jun	ZS1ZD	Nick Curwell
17-Jun	ZS1ANO	Brian Greenwood
22-Jun	ZR1TPH	Tim Hewitson
25-Jun	ZS1KHS	Karl-Heinz Stier
26-Jun	ZS1BVZ	Brian Van Zyl

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