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We present here, with a few minor corrections, the existing 'history' of the West Rand Amateur Radio Club.

If you are in a position to assist the club with more information or

letters or documentation, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the club.

Printed, typed or hand written documents can be scanned and returned to the owners if required.

HISTORY OF THE WEST RAND BRANCH OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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**FOREWORD**

In response to a request by the Headquarters of the South African Radio League for the various branches to forward copies of their branch histories to Capetown, the West Rand branch Committee requested me to assist in compiling the branch history. The old-timers all agreed to assist in obtaining material for this formidable task however, we were surprised at the response and had not realised how proud, enthusiastic and keen the old West Rand hams are of their branch. Om Piet van Wyk ZS6AJN in QSO with OM Johnny ZS6AGQ made a tape recording to give me a jumping off point. This was followed by notes, log extracts, an old call book and a pile of old Radio ZS's from OM Jack

Startup ZS6OQ. OM Bob Innes ZS6RQ handed me a sack full of old branch records. This wealth of information was set down in chronological order to form a skeleton on which to build the history of the West Rand Branch of the South African Radio league.

This skeleton was distributed to OM's Jack ZS6OQ, Piet ZS6AJN, George ZS6KW Charles ZS6IM, Dave ZS6ACC, Pottie ZS6GW, Stan ZS6BLC, ? who filled in the gaps, added call signs, names, and events, and pointed out errors. To them we owe the unfolding story of the West Rand branch. The history is divided into chapters titled:

1. Birth of the Branch
2. Roodepoort Phase
3. Bodenstein Street
4. The Clubhouse (Old Gallo Centre)
5. The Pump house (Kroton Street)

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**Special points of interest:**

- Contact details on back page (corrected & updated July 2010)
- Ham-Comp Latest on web site.

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The following hams have contributed to the this history:-

Jack Startup ZS6OQ, Pete ZS6AJN, Johnny ZS6AGQ, George Eva ZS6KW, Koos Potgieter ZS6GW, Stan Flack ZS6BLC, Dave Lloyd ZS6ACC  
(ADD MORE NAMES AS THEY CONTRIBUTE)

### CHAPTER 1

#### Birth of the West Rand Branch

By 1948 there was a large and enthusiastic band of men and women who lived on the West Rand. Many of these travelled to Johannesburg to attend radio league meetings but this meant setting out in the early evening and returning home late at night.

These enthusiastic hams decided to meet and discuss their problems. The first meeting was on a Saturday morning in mid 1948 at the QTH of old man Jack Startup. The result of that meeting was the formation of the West Rand Branch of the South African Radio League. The hams present on that auspicious occasion were:

Jack Startup ZS6OQ, Iris Startup ZS6UM, Fritz Meltzer ZS6UX, Percy Garnet ZS6AID a lecturer in electrotechs at Randfontein Technical College, Bossie Bosman ZS6AAJ and Arthur Howard ZS6TV.

As OM Jack's lounge was too small for the growing band of West Rand Hams an alternative meeting place had to be found. OM Fritz, who was the Randfontein Town Clerk, arranged for permission to use the Town Hall for branch meetings.

As more and more members joined the West Rand Branch it was decided to alternate venues between Florida and Randfontein in order to split the burden of travelling to meetings. The Randfontein Town Hall was used when meetings were held in Randfontein and OM Max Picket ZS6LG's

QTH was initially used for meetings held in Florida.

At the meeting held on the 7th Dec 1948 in the Randfontein Town Hall, mention is made of the very fine spread put on by Mrs Buttrum ZS6UK and Mrs Scott.

At this stage the first West Rand bulletin was read using the callsign ZS6WR on a frequency of 7110 kHz. bulletin readers were OM's Charles Buttrum ZS6IM, and Hennie ?? ZS6AB???

The following names are mentioned by old hands:-

Arthur Howard ZS6TV, Chris Meltzer ZS6UX, Jack Startup ZS6OQ, Don Goldblatt ZS6CX, Percy Garnet ZS6AID, ZS6AX, Jack's XYL Iris ZS6UM, Bert Coleridge ZS6CH, Harold Cheveaux ZS6ANX, Piet van Wyk ZS6AJN, Jannie v d Watt ZS6AIZ ??, Cynthia Lewthwaite ZS6ACT, Frikkie Meyer ZS6AAC, Lionel Charles ZS6BJX, Vic Faulkner ZS6OY, P J Coetzee ZS6BZ, ( rem ZS6ANX only 1954 & AIZ only 1953 6AJN only 1953?)

Iris Bew was the first YL on the West Rand to obtain her licence. Her call-sign was issued on the 3rd December 1948. Iris married Jack Startup when??????

Jack and XYL Iris obtained licences in 1947 & 1948 respectively.

#### STORY OF THEIR MEETING ???

The roof of OM Dusty Miller's ZS6GE QTH was damaged by the Roodepoort Tornado on the 26th November 1948. [Thanks - Roodepoort Record]

During this period (1948 and 1949) slow morse was transmitted by Jack ZS6OQ at 18h15 each evening on 80 meters to enable new members to learn the code or improve

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on their speed.

On 4th January, 1949 a meeting, attended by thirty-three people, was held at the QTH of OM Max Picket ZS6LG. Amongst the visitors were Wally Browning, Eric Louw, Reno Faber, Peter Brightman and Andy Walker from the Johannesburg Branch. The presence of these well known hams was a boost for the newly formed West Rand Branch.

Between 1949 and 1953 a few meetings were held in the West Rand Consolidated Mines recreation hall. Johnny Du Plessis ZS6AGO arranged this venue.

At the February, 1949 meeting, the Secretary, OM Hennie v d Merwe ZS6AB, passed the hat around and the princely sum of five pounds six shillings and six pence was collected for Tornado victims.

The following members attended this meeting:-

Percy Garnet ZS6AID, P J Coetzee ZS6QQ, Len Smith ZS6RP, Louwtjie Postma ZS6AD, Les Scott ZS6CU, Danie v d Watt ZS6AE, Bert Coleridge ZS6CH, Jimmie Renwick ZS6JE, Tinus Potgieter ZS6IV, Max Picket ZS6LG, Vic Faulkner ZS6OY, George Eva ZS6KL, Toby Innes ZS6D, D Goldblatt ZS6CX, Bob Taylor ZS6CO, Charles Buttrum ZS6IM, Fritz Meltzer ZS6UX, Les Grusd ZS6IR, Ken ?? ZS6IW, Bennie Pienaar ZS6IH, and Iris Bew ZS6UM, the first YL on the West Rand.

Extracts from the logbook of OM Jack ZS6OQ show that the branch members were busy establishing their stations for example:-

Kel ZS6KW was testing an 807 Tx  
Jack ZS6OQ using a HT18 With 807 Final  
Arthur ZS6TV has a new S40 Hallicrafter RX  
Charles ZS6IM was using an ex army TCS Collins RX/TX  
Fritz ZS6UX Tests a 6L6 final

On the 20/02/49 the Branch held a field day/picnic at the Pines.  
(DETAILS ??????)

Radio communications were provided by the branch on the 7th and 8th January 1950 for the air race run by the Randfontein Celebration Committee. (DETAILS PLEASE ??????)

During 1950 meetings were held in the Roodepoort Club for a while.

For several years meetings were held at the Florida MOTH Hall.

The Committee was:-  
Doug Lawson ZS6JN  
Cynthia Lewthwaite ZS6ACT  
George Eva ZS6KL

The venue then moved to Discovery in 1952 ?? and the Florida Town hall ?? and the Dardanelles Moth Hall

In March 1952 the meeting was held at the Bantjies Recreation Hall, OM Frikkie Meyer ZS6AAC was presented with the 40/80 meter DX Trophy by Toby Innes ZS6D.

Bossie ? ZS6AAJ and ?? Joubert ZS6AEO were appointed as editors for the news letter Carrier (DETAILS OF NEWS LETTER'S ORIGINS ??????)

At the June 1952 meeting OM Japie Malan ZS6BR a Communications Engineer from the South African Railways demonstrated early television using an ordinary cathode ray tube from a 3 1/2" oscilloscope.

It was reported that ZS6WR the Branch station had logged 40 contacts at the Scout Festival at Roodepoort.

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(DETAILS REQUIRED OF TX, RX, LOCALITY, ANTENNA, ETC ???)

Percy Garnet ZS6AID Chairman  
Fritz Meltzer ZS6UX Secretary/Treasurer  
ZS6GQ Wes Marais ZS6AAJ (blind, lived in Krugersdorp)

The Branch was allocated the frequency of 7105 kHz for bulletins. The Chairman was Len Smith ZS6RP. The branch address was P O Box 67 Florida

{ gap in history 1952 }  
The June 1953 meeting was held at the Florida Moth Hall. A demonstration of Mobile Equipment using a BC 453 Surplus Command Receiver and a homebrew transmitter installed in a Ford Anglia was given by OM Reno Faber ZS6OF.

At the July 1952 meeting at the QTH of OM Max Picket ZS6LG, 33 members were present, apologies received from 6 members. Dusty Miller ZS6GE presented a lecture on the famous Colpitts Oscillator.

Bert Coleridge ZS6CH was presented with the Toby Innes DX Trophy Johnny Du Plessis ZS6AGQ the Membership Trophy.  
Dennis Hugo ZS6US and Bennie Pienaar ZS6IH the Ham Spirit Trophy.

The branch was growing stronger and needed a bigger meeting place. (HALL??)

New members included Wilf Honey ZS6EV, Kel Smith ZS6KW, Dan Goldblat ZS6CX, Charles Buttrum ZS6IM, Y V MacLeod ZS6EF.

The Committee at this time was:- Chairman Fritz Meltzer, Vice Chairman Percy Garnet, Secretary Jannie Venter ZS6ZC Treasurer ?? ?? SZ6??, also present at this meeting were Les Scott ZS6FU, Bennie Goldblatt ZS6IH, Ben v d Merwe ZS6AEZ, Ernie v d Merwe ZS6AFA.

During 1952, Bert Coleridge ZS6CH, conducted slow morse classes on 80 metres.

In that year OM Vic Faulkner ZS6OY presented many film shows at branch meetings which were held in the Randfontein Town Hall and the Florida Moth Hall.

At the Aug 1953 Branch meeting OM Bennie ZS6IH was presented with the Ham Sport Trophy and Bert Coleridge ZS6CH was presented with the Toby Innes DX Trophy.

At the 1952 AGM of the South African Radio League, the Branch Voting Strength was 50.

The following members were present:-

At the Sept 1953 meeting held at the Moth Hall Florida, mention is made of the fact that a 50% turnout was achieved. It was also announced that the next meeting would be with the Germiston "boys".

Chairman Len Smith ZS6RP, Secretary Dennis Hugo ZS6US, Fritz Meltzer ZS6UX, Bert Coleridge ZS6CH, M S Christaine ZS6AEN, Wilf Honey ZS6EV, Arthur Howard ZS6TV, Toby Innes ZS6D, Johnny du Plessis ZS6AGQ, Win Verster ZS6ABM, Piet Fourie ZS6AFP, Kel Smith ZS6KW, Theo Sher ZS6AGA and the scribe for the Branch newsletter, 'Carrier', J L du Plessis ZS6AGQ.

Jannie v d Walt, ZS6AIZ, who was disabled in a mine accident and was given a special licence, had his TX installed by members of the branch and an antenna raising party was held on the Saturday afternoon. The transmitter was built by Ben Pienaar from parts donated by club members.

Date ???

The following Committee was elected -

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During this period, the following names are mentioned:-

Hughie ?? ZS6EY??, Fred Koonin ZS6AGR, Carey Maeder ZS6XE, George Eva ZS6KL, Ben v d Merwe ZS6AFZ, Jimmy Joubert ZS6AEO, Vic Faulkner ZS6OY, Cynthia Lewthwaite ZS6ACT.

In Oct 1953 the West Rand Branch met the 'Germiston Boys'.  
(WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ???)

The branch obtained a Transmitter and a collection of technical books to start a library. [more info required here] Date ? ?

The Nov 1953 meeting was held at Florida :- Hughie ZS6AEY, Ben ZS6AFZ, Johnny ZS6AGQ, Bert ZS6CH, Ernie ZS6AFA, Percy ZS6AID, Fritz ZS6UX, Jannie ZS6ZC, and Piet ZS6AJN attended this meeting.

On the 15 11 1953 a Transmitter built by George ZS6KL and Bert ZS6CH and air tested at ZS6KL was presented to Piet ZS6AJN, who was blind. (WAS HE EMPLOYED ???? ETC ETC)

Around about this time a meeting was held at the flat of Jannie v d Walt ( Date? what happened ?)

Doug Lawson ZS6JN  
Phil Lewthwaite ZS6XH  
Max Picket ZS6LG  
Vic Faulkner ZS6OY  
George Eva ZS6KL  
Len Smith ZS6RP  
Fred Cullen ZS6AGR  
Kel Smith ZS6KW  
Dennis Hugo ZS6US now ZS1UV  
Ben Pienaar ZS6IH

Ben v d Merwe ZS6AEZ  
Jannie Venter ZS6ZC Secretary  
Theo Sher ZS6AGA  
Johnny du Plessis ZS6AGQ  
Dick Westmacott ZS6AGY ( Handicapped)  
Fred Koonin ZS6AGR  
Les Scott ZS6FU  
Lionel Charles ZS6BJX

The club's address during this period was P O Box 67 Florida.

Doug Lawson came to live in Discovery in 1949. He joined the branch in 1950, was appointed to the chair in 1955 and held this position until 1960, where after he left the West Rand and went down to the Cape Province where he holds the call sign ZS2IA.

Johnny du Plessis's father designed a honey-comb coil which was so designed that it was self supporting and would not collapse, whereas the Marconi coil could collapse and did!! There was a court case regarding the patent rights but Johnnie's father proved that his coil was different ???? and he won the case.

Johnny's father immigrated to S A in 1926. He passed away in 1951. Johnny and his Mother presented a trophy, in memory of his father, called the J L du Plessis membership trophy.

Between 1950 and 1957 the bulletin readers were Jack ZS6OQ, George ZS6KL, Kel ZS6KW, ? ? ZS6IV and ?? ZS6AB. The frequency used was 7040 and later 7150 kHz. To this day OM Jack still has the crystals for these frequencies.

From 1954 to 1955 news bulletins were relayed on 80 meters. And from June 1956 to May 1957 again on 40 meters by George ZS6KL

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In November 1956 HQ allocated the bulletin frequencies of 3650 and 7066 kHz to the West Rand Branch

The delegate to the SARL AGM held at East London in April 1957 was Cynthia Lewthwaite ZS6ACT. The branch voting strength was 53 at this stage. At this AGM the name of the Merit award was changed to the Jack Twine merit Award.

After 1961 interest in branch affairs waned and the branch became defunct. The branch assets were taken into custody by SARL HQ and the members became HQ members.

### CHAPTER 2

BY 1955? ? some of the older West Rand hams had moved away from the area and other hams had moved in to the West Rand. These hams met on the air and inevitably the discussions got round to branch activities and technical topics and soon it was realised what an important role a SARL Branch plays. Some of these old and new Hams living on the West Rand decided to affiliate with the newly formed Northern Johannesburg Branch and a group travelled to Paterson Park each month to attend meetings with OM Peter Schmarr ZS6 , Dennis Buckley ZS6 , Hans van Groenendal ZS6AKV and Company. These meetings proved immensely interesting and enjoyable as the N J Branch Hams worked hard at providing interesting lectures and demonstrations but after many months of travelling to Paterson Park the West Rand hams felt they should be on their own.

Fired by the enthusiasm of the Northern Johannesburg Branch they arranged a meeting at the Qth of XYL Francis Lewthwaite ZS6AOG, and OM's Stan ZS6BLC, Pottie ZS6GW, Lionel ZS6BJX, Ron ZS6BHH, Roy ZS6AWJ, DAAN ZS6BEP, Van ZS6HP, Alan ZS6BLA, Peet ZS6BLB all voted in fa-

vor of re-establishing the branch. Frikkie ZS6AAC voted for the formation of a radio club.

On the 20th August 1965 an inaugural meeting was held at the Qth of OM Ron at 24 Georginia St Horison. 14 hams were present. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the branch and to elect a committee. After a lengthy discussion votes were called for and the following ad-hoc committee was elected:- Chairman Ron Caldecott ZS6BHH, Chris Muir ZS6BCT, Peet Maree ZS6BLB and Allen Hean ZS6BLA.

It was decided to start a net on 80 meters (3650 MHz) every Monday evening at 19h30 to enable all interested hams to be kept posted on developments.

OM's Alan, Peet and Ron were given the task of contacting the South African Radio League notifying them that we would like to re-establish the West Rand Branch, as well as contacting the rest of the hams on the West Rand. A meeting was held at the Qth of OM Peet in 4 Macmillan St Florida on the 7th Sept 1965 for this purpose.

On the 17th September a meeting was held at the Qth of Francis ZS6AOG in Kingfisher St Horizon. 12 members were present with 7 apologies. It was established that 25 hams were interested in joining the branch. The Monday net was to be changed to Tuesdays and the scout halls at Discovery and Roodepoort were mentioned as possible venues.

The next meetings were held on the 15 Oct and 12 Nov at the Qth of Francis, 15 members attended.

On the 19 Jan 1965 the first meeting in the Roodepoort Scout Hall was held with 18 members attending.

A letter was addressed to HQ on 24 Jan 1966 advising the SARL that thirty hams wanted to join the branch and that another ten had indicated their interest.

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On the 16 Feb 1966 the first Annual General Meeting of the newly resurrected branch was held . 20 members and 7 visitors were present. A letter from HQ agreeing to the re-establishment of a West Rand Branch was read.

OM Phil ? ? ZS6BLE, Chairman of the Northern Johannesburg Branch, took the Chair while the ad-hoc committee stood down and a full committee was elected. The committee was as follows:-

Chairman: Ron Caldecott ZS6BHH  
 Treasurer: Jimmy Powell ZS6AOY  
 Vice-Chair: Chris Muir ZS6BCT  
 Secretary: Stan Flack ZS6BLC  
 Members: Frikkie Meyer ZS6AAC  
 Fred Steynberg ZS6AQJ.

The West Rand Branch was discussed by the SARL Council on the 16 March 1966 and in a letter dated 22 March 1966 they advised us that they were returning our books and that we should contact Reno Faber ZS6OP, as he held the branch assets. Our call sign ZS6WR would, however, have to be re-applied for.

From April 1966 Branch bulletins were once more broadcast on Sunday mornings at 08h00 on a frequency of 3650 kHz. The bulletin readers were OM's Ron, Stan and Pottie. The frequency of 7066 MHz which had also been allocated to the branch was not used at this stage.

At the AGM of 15th Feb 1967 held at the Scout Hall Roodepoort 13 members and 3 visitors were present. The following committee was elected :-

Chairman: Jimmy Powell ZS6AOY  
 Treasurer: Chris Muir ZS6BCT  
 Vice Chair: Willie Krynauw  
 ZS6RQ Secretary: Fred Steynberg  
 ZS6AQJ Catering: Lionel Charles ZS6BJX, Pro-

jects: Theys Lambert ZS6BMD  
 Outdoor Activities: Ron Caldecott ZS6BHH

At the AGM held on the 21st Feb 1968 held at the Scout Hall Roodepoort 11 members were present. The new committee elected was:

Chairman :Daan Grundlingh ZS6BEP  
 Treasurer Ron Caldecott ZS6BHH  
 Vice Chair:- - - - -  
 Members: Stan Flack ZS6BLC  
 Secretary :J J duToit ZS6516 : Jimmy Powell  
 ZS6AOY : Frikkie Meyer ZS6AAC  
 OM Daan ZS6BEP was elected as delegate to the SARL AGM at ? ?

Date ///??? Lionel Charles ZS6BJX donated a trophy for the best article published in 'Anode' the new branch news letter. Jan Hesp SZ6//, a lecturer at RAU, was appointed as Editor of Anode.

In August 19//, slow morse classes were started and transmitted on Tuesday nights on 3650 MHz.

6 Meter transmissions revived on 3/6/1967 between Roger Neilsen ZS6BKC, Chris Muir ZS6BCT, Ron Caldecott ZS6BHH, Roy Cotton ZS6AWJ, Ben Bresler ZS6ANZ,

ON 5 August 19// the Branch members took part in the scout Jamboree on the Air.

The Branch also assisted in the CQ Hou Koers (dates, details required)  
 2 Meter transmissions started in 6/7/69 . ZS6BCT, ZS6ANZ, ZS6AWJ call signs appear in the early logs for these contacts.

A regular west Rand net was held on AM on 3650 MHz on Monday nights, later on this was changed to Tuesday nights. After June 1971 the net became a SSB net as most members had acquired ssb transceivers.

Chris Muir was a member of the 1969 Antarctic  
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Expedition and many of the branch members had F B Qso's with Chris. Chris transmitted from the ice using a transceiver and a dipole lying on the ice.

From time to time he would break his transmissions to brush ice off his mike. On his return he gave a talk and slide show about his trip.

A meeting was held at the Qth of OM Kees de Haan .OM Wally Browning and ?? ?? addressed the meeting and explained the aims and objects of W R R , some of the West Rand joined the W R R.

The West Rand Award was started in May 1970 and OM Jan Hillege ZS6BMB designed and printed the very impressive certificate. The requirements were 20 contacts with West Rand members and a R1.00 fee with the claim.

The first award was to ZS6RG

The first SSB bulletin was transmitted on Sunday the 15th June 1971.

At this time many members came on SSB using Phillips 100 watt 4 band crystal controlled transceivers which were converted as club projects i. e. to AM ,CW, & Ham Bands.

Philips were disposing of mobile 100 watt SSB TX/RX rigs and Pottie ZS6GW and Ron ZS6BHH loaded both boots and the interior of Potties VW with rigs which were unloaded at the 'saltmine' of OM George ZS6KL

In 1970, DF hunts were started using 3,650 MHz. On many a Saturday afternoon residents were startled by funny looking OM's running around clutching portable radios, jumping into cars and careering off in various directions. OM Stan Flack ZS6BLC was reported to have searched for the Fox in the Maraisburg dumps when the rest of the hunt was searching the Allen's Neck area. OM Dirk Beukman ZS6AU installed a beam in-

side a combi and bounced the signal around Discovery, much to the dismay of the hunters who had to be called in by radio at the end of the day.

In June 1974 the branch members located a large batch of Pye Cambridge Transceivers and spent many happy hours converting them to the Two Meter Band.

At this stage the Branch was very active went from strength to strength.

On the 12/9/1976 the West Rand repeater was in operation from the Millsite Mine dump.

Ivo Scladek?? developed a repeater with ZS6WR call sign generator.

OM Tom Ambrose ZR6GH was very active improving and maintaining the repeater.

OM Ivor Designed a very fine 2 M transverter which was built by many hams.

### CHAPTER 3

#### 3. Bodenstein Street

In November 1978, meetings were moved to 71 Bodenstein St Krugersdorp. This Venue proved to be ideal; more or less in the middle of the West Rand region, very cosy with excellent catering facilities - OM Chris ZS6CU and his XYL ??- really looked after us.

Around 1977/78 the branch project was a copper DF loop and a DF receiver OM Dirk ZS6AU and ????? were behind this project.

In 1979 many of the members obtained surplus C13, C42, B47, R110, ?? ,?? army equipment

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## **CHAPTER 4**

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CHAPTER 5

5. The Pump house (Kroton Street)

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**The West Rand Amateur Radio Club**

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**Bulletins** (Sundays at ...)

11h15 Start of call in of stations

11h30 Main bulletin start

**Frequencies**

439.000MHz 7.6MHz split

Input: 431.4MHz (West Rand Repeater)

145,625 MHz (West Rand Repeater)

10,135 MHz (HF Relay)

**Radio Amateurs do it with more frequency!**

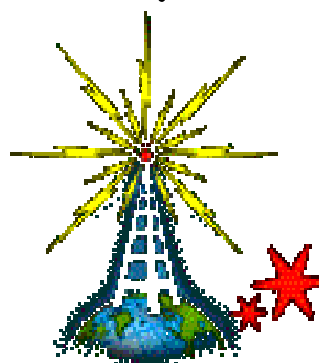
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