



SARL LETTER

for radio clubs

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ANNUAL SARL AWARDS

The SARL is inviting nominations for various annual awards which are presented at the annual dinner held as part of the SARL National Convention. The convention is this year being hosted by PEARS in Port Elizabeth from 23—25 April 2010.

Here is an ideal opportunity to recognise one or more of your members. Nomination should reach the SARL Secretary by no later than 15 February 2010. Please submit the following:

Full name, callsign and address of the nominee and a brief motivation of why the person is nominated for an award.

2010 AWARDS

Honorary Life Membership

The SARL's highest honour. Full requirements for this award can be found in the SARL Constitution on www.sarl.org.za

Willie Wilson Gold Badge

Awarded by Council to the amateur that gave exceptional and meritorious service to the SARL

Jack Twine Award

To recognise qualities such as unselfishness, clean operating and a genuine interest in Amateur Radio and its affairs. This prestigious Award will be made to Amateurs who, in the opinion of their fellow amateurs and the League's Council, exemplify the qualities desirable in a Radio Amateur.

Arthur Hemsley 2 metre Trophy

Awarded by Council to a Radio Amateur for his/her individual achievements with transmissions

President's NET

Join SARL President, Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT, on Sunday 31 January to provide input to the SARL Council when it meets for its Strategic Indaba in March.

What should the SARL focus on during 2010 and 2011?

The net is on the air at 19:30. Clubs wishing to link their repeaters should send a request to armi@sarl.org.za before 25 January 2010

in the 2 metre amateur band. This award is made for extraordinary performance on EME or modes such as tropospheric propagation. It is not for the longest distance worked but rather for persistence in achieving something special on 2 metres

Barney Joel Trophy

Awarded by Council to any member of the SARL for the best performance during the year whilst working HF mobile. This award could be made for performance by an individual in rally or other public event communication etc. MHz

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Icom Excellence Award

This award is bestowed annually by Council on the amateur who through his/her activity in the Amateur Service has brought international recognition to South Africa by either the achievement of a VHF/UHF long distance record which is internationally recognized by the IARU, or by service to the Republic of South Africa or the SARL in the field of scientific research using the amateur spectrum, or in promoting the amateur service internationally.

Joseph White Plaque

Awarded by Council to any member of the SARL for exceptional achievements in the 432 band during the past year. This is not awarded for the longest distance worked, but for all round achievements

Bert Buckley Six metre Trophy

Awarded by Council to any radio amateur for his/her individual achievements with transmissions in the six metre amateur band. This award is not for the longest distance worked but for outstanding work or activity on six metres.

Don't delay call for input on your local nets, there may be just that one person who is working in the background and is never recognised for his or her contributions to Amateur Radio

SA AMSAT SPACE SYMPOSIUM 2010 Durban 27 March 2010

This is the first call for papers to be presented at the SA AMSAT Space Symposium 2010 to be held on 27 March 2010 at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

A synopsis of the proposed paper in a

Windows word file should reach the conference organisers by 23 January 2010.

Full written papers are required for publication by not later than 28 February as well as a PowerPoint version for presentation at the conference by 15 March 2010.

Authors will be advised by 26 January 2010 of the acceptance of their papers. There is an opportunity for one or two overseas authors to present their papers via Skype.

Presentation time for papers is 30 minutes with a 10 minute Q&A. There will be an open forum at the end of the symposium

The symposium will run from 08:30 to 16:00 followed by the SA AMSAT AGM at 16:15 - 17:00

Registration to attend the conference will open on 15 January 2010

ZS10WCS SCHEDULE

January

Vrystaat Amateurradioklub

February

Bloemfontein Radio Amateur Club

March

Sandton Amateur Radio Club and West Rand Amateur Radio Club

April

Northern Cape Amateur Radio Club

May

Rietkol Amateur Radio Club

Look for ZS10WCS on the bands!

THREE GOOD REASONS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SARL

The South African Radio League is the National Body of Amateur Radio in South Africa and a direct interface with the Department of Communication, The Independent Communication Authority of South Africa (ICASA) and other government and non-government organisations

In every day life many people belong to associations, some because the law requires it others because the benefits that accrue to individuals and the profession, sport or hobby. Here are three of many good reasons why a serious radio amateur should be a member of the National Body, the SARL:

REPRESENTATION AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The SARL represents all radio amateurs when it comes to working with the authorities to ensure that the amateur spectrum is protected. *It is the number of members that gives the SARL the muscle to speak representatively*

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION

The SARL is a member of the International Amateur Radio Union, an organisation representing Radio Amateurs at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the organisations that looks after frequency spectrum allocation and usage. The IARU works constantly at World Radio Conferences and behind the scenes to ensure that amateur allocations are protected and even expanded. *The IARU derives its muscle from National Members Societies, such as the SARL, who have strong representation in their country.*

KEEPING ABREAST OF TECHNOLOGY

Through an interactive website, weekly news bulletins, Radio Technology in Action symposia and a bi-monthly publication – Radio ZS – the SARL keeps Radio Amateurs abreast of new technologies. *Wouldn't it be great to know that you are part of it and not an onlooker?*

ARE YOU PROMOTING THE SARL MEMBERSHIP AMONGST YOUR CLUB MEMBERS? Your club will benefit see details on
<http://www.sarl.org.za/public/clubtalk/>