



# The SARL LETTER

21 July 2009

**THIS LETTER IS AVAILABLE TO CLUB COMMITTEES FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION TO THEIR MEMBERS IN NEWSLETTERS AND ON BULLETINS**

To update the list of your committee members who should receive the SARL letter email [secretary@sarl.org.za](mailto:secretary@sarl.org.za)

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Check [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) regularly

The 2010 World Cup Soccer will run from 11 June till 11 July 2010.

During the event 4 slots are available:

01 June – 10 June,  
11 June to 21 June,  
22 June to 1 July and  
02 July to 12 July.

During these four slots the successful clubs are expected to have a station on the air on HF everyday as propagation conditions prevail.

The second category is a month long namely the months from September 2009 to May 2010.

During this period successful clubs are expected to have stations on the air over weekend ie Friday evening till Sunday night.

Clubs must arrange their own schedule and can include any of their members who hold a valid HF callsign.

Each club allocated a period will be responsible to assemble all the logs within one week after their allocated period, fill out QSL cards which will be supplied and submit this to the SARL Headquarters.

## **CLUBS ARE INVITED TO HOST THE ZS10WCS SPECIAL EVENT STATION**

Clubs affiliated to the SARL are invited to apply for use of the special event station callsign ZS10WCS, World Cup Soccer. Clubs will be selected by ballot. There are two categories: the months leading up to the event and the periods during the actual event.

Requests for direct QSLing will be handled by the QSL bureau.

Attached is an application form. Please complete the form and mail it back to [wcs@sarl.org.za](mailto:wcs@sarl.org.za) before 15 August. A ballot will be held at the Cape Town Radio Technology in Action Symposium on 22 August and clubs will be advised of the outcome.

Participating clubs will be supplied with QSL cards which will be despatched via the bureau.

The direct QSL address is SARL, PO Box 1721 Strubensvallei 1735. Direct QSL's must include a self addressed envelope and 1 IRC or US\$1. If the return address is in South Africa, a self addressed stamped envelope will suffice.

QSL via email: [wcs@sarl.org.za](mailto:wcs@sarl.org.za). Persons sending an email QSL will only receive an email QSL back and not the commemorative printed QSL.

A detailed guide will be supplied to clubs to brief their members who are planning to operate ZS10WCS.

The guide will include details of the 2010 Soccer World Cup, facts about the stadiums and South Africa in general. There will also be links on the SARL website.

REMINDER

### **HAS YOUR CLUB AFFILIATED TO THE SARL. HERE ARE THE DETAILS AGAIN**

With Immediate effect the SARL is introducing a new affiliation scheme that will have financial benefits and after constitutional changes to be tabled at the 2010 AGM have

representation at Annual General Meetings.

For this year the affiliation scheme will work as follows:

A club can affiliate to the SARL on a sliding fee scale based on their **total** membership (not only SARL members) as follows:

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Over 30 members | R 320 |
| 20 – 29 members | R 260 |
| 15 – 19 members | R 130 |
| 1 - 14 members  | R 100 |

The club will get a contribution towards their funds based on the number club members who are also members of the SARL.

The percentage will be determined annually at the SARL AGM. For the current 2009/2010 financial year is will be based on 5% of the membership fee which is R320 for full members and R200 for senior members. This represents R16 per full member and R10 per senior member.

### **How it will operate**

On 30 September the club submits a list of SARL members who are members of the club to the SARL Office. The Administrator will verify the membership and record it accordingly on the database. By 30 October the SARL will pay the funds into the club's bank account.

On 31 January the club submits a supplementary list of SARL members who may have joined the SARL after 30 September. The same process will be followed and the funds accrued by the additional members will be paid into the club's bank account by 28 February.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLUBS**

An affiliated club will have the SARL as an agenda item at meetings and disseminate information supplied by the SARL

Discuss any items the SARL may like to receive feedback on. This will assist the SARL in making final decisions on any action that may have to be taken in the interest of amateur radio and give clubs a channel to input their ideas

An affiliated club will appoint an SARL Liaison officer whose duties are:

1. To send a copy of the clubs minutes and AGM minutes to the SARL secretary

2. To table any information supplied by the SARL for dissemination to radio amateurs

3. To provide the SARL with feedback of any matters of concern that the club may have about amateur matters.

4. The SARL liaison officer may also act as the PIO. Clubs may however appoint another committee or club members as a PIO

### **Representations at the SARL AGM**

Under the current constitution a club has one vote at the AGM. This will be relooked at the 2010 AGM. A club can however appoint a delegate to the AGM and canvass proxies from its members who are members of the SARL. This will in fact give a club proportional representation.

### **How to affiliate?**

Complete the attached form and submit together with the affiliation fee as soon as possible

### **What about SARL members who belong to more than one club?**

These members must nominate the principal club. Only the principal club will derive the benefit.

### **2009 Radio Technology in Action programme awesome**

"Awesome" is how many described the first 2009 RTA symposium. Others said it is the best ever! The same sentiments were expressed at the Durban and Port Elizabeth events.

Don't miss the event in Cape Town and start advertising it on your local bulletin and nets early. The date is

#### **Western Cape 22 August 2009**

ABSA Auditorium, Commerce building, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town Campus

#### **Programme highlights**

Amateur Radio, not your Granddaddy's Radio - what will amateur Radio of the future look like?

Time-domain reflectometry (TDR) and Time-domain transmissometry (TDT)

Step by step design of a 2m low noise amplifier

To  
HF Radio Technology in Space  
Physics Research

Make satellites your next stop in amateur radio

Practical application of Spread Spectrum Technology Including the building of a DSSS Transceiver update

Shortwave Listening—is it the forgotten hobby?

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO)**

**Time is running out to get your club involved. Act now and appoint some one to become your PIO. Both the club and the appointee will not regret it. The programme launches with the first meeting on Monday 3 August at 20:00**

Every time we have a discussion about why amateur radio is not known or at least not very well-known amongst the younger generation, government officials and the public at large, we get to the same point. We need more publicity, more media coverage, more and more of everything.

The ARRL has partially solved the problem by appointed PIOs, Public Information Officers, Salesmen and women for Amateur Radio, Public Relations officers, name them what you like, their job is to promote amateur radio by sharing information.

**Clubs are invited to appoint a PIO as part of a national team coordinated by the national body, the SARL but each one serving his or her own club and area.**

The objective is the promotion of amateur radio by disseminating information to the media, and the community at large about Amateur Radio, the SARL and your local club.

The SARL is launching a PIO network and is inviting clubs to canvass an enthusiastic person to join the network and become a PIO for Amateur Radio, their local club and the national body, the SARL.

The network will have its own WebPages with lots of information,

PowerPoint presentations that can be used in presentations, audio files, media releases and pictures about Amateur Radio in action.

The SARL is working on a PIO manual that will provide guidelines and train PIOs.

The SARL will run regular short courses over teleconferences.

Make news material available that can be customised for local news papers, we are even planning radio spots that can be placed as public service announcements free of charge.

But first we need the commitment from clubs and volunteers that are prepared to join the SARL PIO network. The first step is for clubs and individual volunteers to complete a form which is attached.

Do it soon that that we can get the network up and running.

If you have any questions around the PIO programme call or sms Hans, ZS6AKV, on 082 781 4631

## **JOIN SA AMSAT FOR THE BACAR EVENT**

BACAR will be launched on 8 August between 08:00 and 08:15. Listen for the HF beacon on 7 022 kHz or watch the flight progress on APRS.

If in or near the Gauteng take part on VHF or visit the NARC.

Visit [www.amsatsa.org.za](http://www.amsatsa.org.za) for details

## **SARL HF SSB CONTEST**

Join in the fun on 2 August 2009.  
[www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) for details



# PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NETWORK



## JOIN THE SARL PIO NETWORK

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| Club  |  |      |  |
| First Name  |  |      |  |
| Surname   |  |      |  |
| Postal Address  |  |      |  |
| Physical Address  |  |      |  |
| Telephone   |  | Cell |  |
| Email   |  |      |  |
| <b>Training by teleconference</b>                           |  |      |  |
| What day of the week will be best for you?                  |  |      |  |
| If the training last 45 – 60 minutes what is the best time? |  |      |  |
| Do you have access to Skype?                                |  |      |  |
| If yes what is your skype name?                             |  |      |  |
| Do you have access to Echolink?                             |  |      |  |
| Any other comment   |  |      |  |

Return completed form to [armi@sarl.co.za](mailto:armi@sarl.co.za) or fax to 012 991 5651