



## Bulletin

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014**

Good Morning: - Herewith the Bulletin for Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. This is **Victor Five One November Alpha Mike**, the official Amateur Radio Station of the Namibian Amateur Radio League, operated this morning from Windhoek by Werner, V51JP, to transmit Amateur Radio News to Radio Amateurs and all listeners on this frequency. This is a service by the Namibian Amateur Radio League, in the interest of all Radio Amateurs in Namibia. This Bulletin is broadcast on 7069 Kilo Hertz, Lower Side Band, at 08:00 local time, on the first Sunday of every Month. It will also be transmitted on 2Meters as well as 3720 Kilo Hertz, Lower Side Band and on Echo Link via V51RS-R. This bulletin is also published on the NARL website for download. Enquiries and comments relating to the Bulletin, or the NARL, may be made on the air after the Bulletin, or by writing to:

**Namibian Amateur Radio League,  
P O Box 1100, Windhoek, Namibia.**

The items in today's bulletin are:

- 1. Council News**
- 2. Repeater News**
- 3. Monthly meetings**
- 4. Members Input**
- 5. Local news**
- 6. International News**

## **1. Council News**

The HQ contest is over and everyone is eagerly awaiting the results. A big thank you to Martin (V51W) and his team for hosting the event and opening their doors to all amateurs to attend.

## **2. Repeater News**

All repeaters are up and running.

## **3. Monthly meetings**

The AGM of the NARL was held recently and I am happy to report that everything stays as before.

## **4. Members Input**

No input has been received.

## **5. Local news**

Namibia participated for the first time in the IARU HQ contest. This contest was open to all IARU member societies and Martin V51W and Klaus V51L, with the blessing of the NARL have successfully applied for the contest call sign V55HQ. The official NARL HQ station was hosted on Martins Farm on the weekend of 12 and 13 July 2014.

## **6. International News**

### **434 MHz balloon goes around the world**

The 434 MHz solar powered party balloon B-64, launched by radio amateur Leo Bodnar M0XER, is approaching the UK at the end of its record breaking journey around the world

Leo launched his balloon from Silverstone in the UK on July 12, 2014. It travelled east across Asia, the Pacific and the Americas and is expected to complete the final transatlantic crossing arriving over Cornwall on July 31 or August 1. It is then likely to continue eastwards into Europe.



Radio amateurs and listeners should be able to receive B-64's Contestia 64/1000 signal on 434.500 MHz USB with the usual pips. When it is over the UK it will alternate the Contestia transmission with APRS also on 434.500 MHz running 10 mW output.

During the circumnavigation of the northern hemisphere B-64 has travelled over 25,000 km across some of the most remote terrain in the planet.

## **Conclusion**

This concludes the Bulletin for Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Should you wish to comment on any of the items in the Bulletin, please feel free to do so after this service. This bulletin was compiled and read by Werner V51JP, as a service to all Radio Amateurs, Short Wave Listeners and Electronic Enthusiasts. Thank you for listening.

This is Victor 51 November Alpha Mike, operated by V51JP, Continuing with the call in list.

### **40M**

8H00: V51BP V51P V51JF V51RS V51WW V5/ZS1RAY  
V51GB V51SN V51FH V51MB

### **80M**

8H00:

### **2M**

8H00:

### **ECHO-LINK**

8H00:

This is V51NAM handing the frequency back for normal use