

5th August 2012 Bulletin

Good Morning: - Herewith the Bulletin for Sunday, 5th August 2012. 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 AGM of the NARL has been held very successful and the council has been re-elected and no changes were made. One special resolution was made to the QSL bureau, no QSL cards will be sent through the bureau, and only incoming mails will be handled.

No bulletin was read last month because the majority of the

stations on frequency could not hear me from the camping area where i was located.

2. Repeater News The microwave link to the high site of the D-Star repeater is still undergoing tests. The Motorola equipment does not work and i am investigating another option.

3. Monthly meetings

A recent meeting was held and council has decided to send the monthly bulletin to all members of the league in the form of a newsletter so all members that members who don't have reception also get the bulletin

4. Members Input

No members input has been received.

5. Local news

SARL reaches out to SADC radio amateurs

The **South African Radio League** (SARL) is reaching out to radio amateurs who are members of their national society in SADC countries, to join the SARL on a complimentary basis.

This is part of the SARL's commitment to support the IARU Region 1 *"Support for the Amateur Radio Service"* or, for short, STARS programme.

The objective of the STARS programme is to defend, protect, extend, develop and promote the amateur radio service in countries where amateur radio activity is low or nonexistent.

To apply, radio amateurs in Namibia should complete the SARL membership application form and submit the form to me so I can forward it with the proof of membership to the SARL.

[The South African Radio League](#)

6. International News

New OSCAR-7 DX record

Wyatt AC0RA and **Bill OM3BD** have broken the AMSAT-OSCAR 7 (AO-7) long distance (DX) record set in 2010

Their GPS-measured 7849km QSO between grid squares EN31vx and JN88mf surpassed the prior 7843km record set by PY5LF and K3SZH in 2010.

Bill says that Wyatt did all the hard work by waking up at 3am, driving to a hill an hour away from his home, setting up his station, and working Bill before sunrise at 0955 UT on July 2.

It appears that an even longer distance is attainable, and Wyatt is looking for a suitable place from which they can try before Bill leaves Slovakia in mid-July.

Bill was running an FT847, a 2 x 10 element yagi on 2m with SP2000 preamp, and an 8 element yagi for 70cm while Wyatt had an FT-847, a 7 element yagi on 2 meters and a 12 element yagi on 70cm.

Conclusion

This concludes the Bulletin for Sunday the 5th August 2012. The next Bulletin will be presented Sunday the 1st September 2012. The NARL depends on club newsletters, Radio Magazines and individuals for news of interest to radio amateurs. The only way to ensure that your contribution reaches the NARL is to send it via email to the secretary of the NARL. 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: V51GB V51BP V51JF V51RS

80M

8H00:

2M

8H00: V51FW V51FH V51WF V51MB V51DB V51SA

ECHO-LINK

8H00:

This is V51NAM handing the frequency back for normal use