

## **7<sup>th</sup> October 2012 Bulletin**

Good Morning: - Herewith the Bulletin for Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 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**

September is field day month. This year was no exception and a very successful Field Day was enjoyed by everyone present. A new field Day record of well over 2000 QSOs was made and Martin V51W is very confident that his team of operators have a shot at one of the top spots in the ranking. Herewith I, on behalf of the council and all members of the NARL, would like to thank Martin for the invite and the hospitality during the weekend. The

crazy crowd in the kitchen tent had a lot of fun and so did everyone else!

**2. Repeater News** Currently Robert V51RS and Fritz V51WF are optimising some new equipment for the 2m FM repeater here in Windhoek. The new equipment should improve coverage and fix the over modulated audio that is currently heard. The new Microwave equipment has been delivered and first tests at my QTH have been successful. A long term test setup at my QTH is now planned to determine the reliability of the equipment.

### **3. Monthly meetings**

A casual breakfast was enjoyed yesterday at the super spar with our esteemed guests from Germany. We hope you have a great tour of our beautiful country and a safe journey home.

### **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**

#### **Sweden loses 2.3 GHz band**

Swedish radio amateurs have lost the 2300 MHz band although they have gained some spectrum at 1.8 MHz.

The Swedish Amateur Radio Society (SSA) has announced the loss of the 2300 MHz band with effect from October 1. 2400-2450 MHz is still allocated for amateur radio operation but the power there is limited to just 100 milliwatts at the antenna.

Sweden used to have "Top Band" allocations of 1810 - 1850 kHz (max 1 kW) and 1930 - 2000 kHz (max. 10 W). From October 1 this will change to 1810 - 1850 kHz with 1 kW and 1850 - 2000 kHz with a maximum of 10 watts. Power output is measured at the antenna.

### **Conclusion**

This concludes the Bulletin for Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The next Bulletin will be presented Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> November 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: V51MB V51BP V51SC V51RS V51GB V51JF V51WF

**80M**

8H00: V51GB

**2M**

8H00:

**ECHO-LINK**

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This is V51NAM handing the frequency back for normal use