



Bulletin

4th May 2014

Good Morning: - Herewith the Bulletin for Sunday, 4th May 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

Please note that the Big walk of the Delta Primary School will take place on 7th June and we need people to help.

2. Repeater News

Robert V51RS is currently in Swakopmund and is conducting some tests. Some successful communication to Hentiesbay and Windhoek via the Gamsberg link where reported.

3. Monthly meetings

No monthly meeting was held but a date for the AGM will be announced shortly

4. Members Input

No input has been received.

5. Local news

Namibia will participate for the first time in the IARU HQ contest. This contest is 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 will be hosted on Martins Farm on the weekend of 12 and 13 July 2014

6. International News

Radio Hams keep 'Queen Mary' wireless on the Air

The *Queen Mary*, an ocean liner that once sailed the North Atlantic, is now permanently berthed in Long Beach, California, where it's a tourist attraction and hotel. In one of the rooms aboard the ship, the tradition of ship-to-shore wireless operations is continued and visitors are introduced to the hobby of ham radio.

A young visitor recently got an introduction to Morse code, the system of dots and dashes once used for wireless communication. Amateur radio operators, called "hams," still use it today.

The *Queen Mary* was the pride of the Cunard Line after its 1936 launch, and is now a popular tourist attraction.

The wireless room preserves the ocean liner's communications hub. *Queen Mary* Commodore Everette Hoard said it was a lifeline in emergencies, providing two-way messages -- ship to shore.

"And not only did they carry several transmitters for transmitting the ship's business, they also, even in 1936, had radio-telephone service," said Hoard.

Today, volunteers from the local amateur radio club show off old equipment and operate new gear, as they talk to hams around the world.

Conclusion

This concludes the Bulletin for Sunday the 4th May 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.

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V51GB V51SN V51P

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8H00:

2M

8H00:

ECHO-LINK

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