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COMMUNICATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

2004 The beginning of a new year. A belated **happy new year** to all the readers and I hope it is a better one than last year. To business. What are we as a club going to do this year? Please come forward with some ideas as to what we can do. Anyone have anything they would like to present? It can take the form of anything that takes your fancy (with in reason of course). Please don't leave it to the few, a very small few, to always come up with something.

The first meeting will be on Saturday 7th February. Lets thrash out something and get things going.....

he first meeting of the **SOUTHERN SUBERBS RADIO CLUB** will take place the following Saturday 11th February at the usual venue. The same also applies here as to what direction we are going to take. Bring along your ideas and lets discuss it .

From the WATTS the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club News. The Editor has expressed the situation very well. Thanks Hans

Editorial

Do you have New Year's resolutions for Amateur Radio? Will you be making some changes and do something new? Surely some of the current technology must look interesting. Since our traditional overseas monthly magazines have become too expensive for most of our fraternity, we have long stopped buying them and have in general terms become isolated from progress in the hobby. A percentage of us do not even have PC's or internet.

Economic circumstances have prevented many of us to modernize on radio hardware and miss out on exciting built-in features. All the more reason to stay close to your club where you can pick up knowledge and associate with members that are experimenting with or applying current technology. Wonderful software makes it so easy. Make time to attend to technical discussions and presentations – make your hobby a dynamic hobby by being participative and adventurous.

Finances

I was asked at the End-of-year do what are the clubs fees and what is the budget? This is on the following page and like any business/household budget seems pretty simple. You can only pay for your needs with what is in the bank. Of course the more members that pay the lower the subs.

Budget 2003/2004 with expenditure todate			Amounts paid to date	
	Current	Budget		
Affiliation SARL	280	300		
Bank Charges	286	300	180	
Licence ZS6HVB	27	27	27	
Repeater Licence ZU9HVB	48	48	48	
Post Box	215	230	215	
Maps	0			
AGM 2003	200			
Social Events	150	200	250	
Donation Church hall	120	120		
	Total			
		1225		
	Number	Amount	Total	
Current membership	16	76.56	1225.00	
Future membership	18	68.00	1225.00	
	20	61.25	1225.00	
New items	22	55.70	1225.00	
Licence ZS6SSC			27	
Total todate			<u>747</u>	

There are only **nine** members who have paid their membership fees this financial year. The fee for this year was based on 16 members R75.00.

Things kids say

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my five-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

On the first day of school, a first grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

A woman was trying hard to get the catsup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four- year old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear"? With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



IN NO SPECIAL ORDER ZS5Z I/R/XRL/ING/BCA/QI/JAS/ZR5AZH/KZIN/GFP
(Thanks to Tom ZR6SWL)

Did You Know??

VOORTREKKER MONUMENT'S CW MESSAGE

A piece of information from the Short Message Forum page of the SARL web site is that the red aircraft warning light on top of the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria is continuously flashing the Morse code message "**Ons vir jou Suid Africa**".

Riddle from the December issue

Answer. Only one received

You have two traditional hourglass-type egg timers...

One timer takes 7 minutes for the sand to run through, and the other takes 11 minutes. You need to boil an ostrich egg which takes *exactly* 15 minutes.

How can this be done using the two timers?

The solution does NOT require a drill!

Something to think about!

Start the 7 and 11 minute timers together. As the 7 minute timer runs dry place the egg on to boil. At this point the 11 minute timer will have 4 exactly minutes to run dry. As the 11 minute timer runs out turn it over (very quickly) and let it run the full 11 minutes. 11 minutes plus 4 minutes equal 15 minutes

Congrats to Willie ZS5WI.

Meeting dates 2004. Venue Methodist Church, Germiston. Lady Duncan Road Saturday at 14:15 for 14:30

February	7
March	6
April	3
May	1
June	5
July	3
August	7
September	4
October	2
November	6
December Official Social	4

DID YOU KNOW

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do. (If you're ambidextrous do you split the difference?)

ETERNAL TRUTHS

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it. (This one is always familiar)

73

Berridge