

AFRICA SCOUT DAY

Africa Scout Day was celebrated at Arrowe Park Scout Centre, in Benoni, Johannesburg, from 13 to 15 May. With the main celebrations taking place on Saturday.

The Eastrand Radio Club ran a Radio Base for the scouts. Wayne ZS6ORB set up various demo's including our HF station, ADSB flight tracking Satellite and SSTV.

A word of thanks and shout out to Ronald ZS6RVC and Sheldon ZS6KID who came out from the TJ club to assist us, Ronald assisted in setting up the Sat Pack and tuning up the clubs Icom 910 radio, while Sheldon assisted us with setting up the

other displays, Sheldon also braaied for us. 240 scouts, being approximately 24 scout patrols were in camp, the opening ceremony was at 9 am Saturday morning, thereafter the scouts could venture out to various bases, including air rifle shooting, traditional dancing, canoeing, and building of wooden structures. I met up with a scout patrol from Horizon on the Westrand, Madagascar, and scouts from Durban. Nigel ZS6RN set up the Battleship game, and a new "escape room" type of game, using electronics, and LED lights, both games proved to be a great success again. The weather played along too. Ensuring a great autumn day was had by all. The Eastrand Club didn't take part in the SARL Field Day this weekend, but we did get a chance to put a few scouts on the air, thanks to the Sandton Radio Club, for answering their call, we also made contact with the Westrand club, on 40 meters, using Wayne's Icom 7300. the SDR and LCD display, as well as SDR Console software, made a great display of radio technology in action.

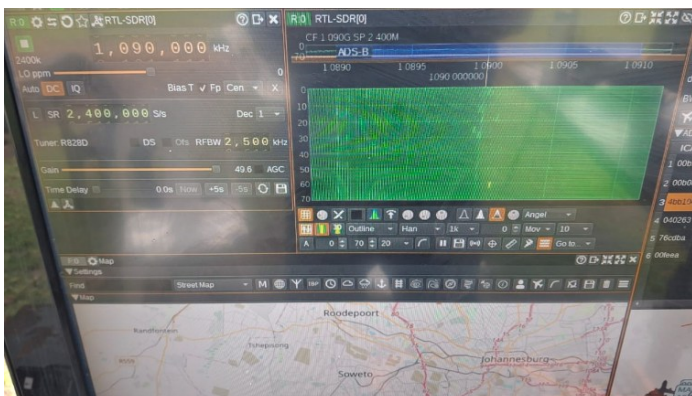




Wayne shows the scouts ADSB, some of the young scouts found this display very interesting. Wayne was running the SDR Angel software. Wayne was running a version 4 SDR dongle receiver, a saw amplifier and a dedicated ADS-B antenna, working together, to produce some nice decodes and interesting info.



Scouts working Keith from the Sandton Club



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