



South African Radio League Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

Tjerk Lammers ZS6P

Inducted in 2016



Tjerk Lammers ZS6P was born in Holland in 1939. He was licenced as ZR6PZ in 1979 and obtained his current callsign in 1981. He is retired from the automotive climate control business. During the 1980s and '90s, Tjerk served in various capacities in the Pretoria Branch of the SARL (now Pretoria Amateur Radio Club), including six years as chairman. He is still a co-opted committee member, responsible for awards and history.

Tjerk was appointed as the SARL Awards Manager in 1997. He has facilitated a resurgence in interest in the SARL awards programme, including a major revamp of awards and contest rules around 2001. This revamp included harmonizing all contest and awards rules, as well as introducing a system of advanced *Worked All ZS* awards. He strongly encouraged the establishment of the SA-QSL system by Richard Seddon ZS2CLI. The combined effect was spectacular. In the 38 years to 1997, 183 *Worked All ZS* awards were issued, with only 30 certificates in the previous two decades. After the revamp of the rules, more than 400 awards were issued within the next 15 years. Tjerk also spent several years as SARL Contest Manager. His tenure saw the introduction of computer-based checking, using statistical analysis to identify unverifiable and unsportsmanlike contacts.

Tjerk became one of the first batch of DXCC card checkers appointed outside North America. The ARRL's DXCC is the world's premier DX award, and is the prime benchmark by which DXing prowess is measured. Tjerk's presence, along with the introduction of the Logbook of the World, has served to make DXCC participation much more accessible to South Africans. Having cards checked locally has not only significantly reduced the cost of DXCC participation, but has also removed the risks associated with sending treasured QSL cards overseas. Tjerk has spent many hundreds of hours of volunteer effort in staying abreast of DXCC changes and developments. As a long-time ARRL member, Tjerk has also been a source of information and inspiration for efforts to document the history of DXCC in South Africa.

Over the years, Tjerk has put his considerable machining skills to good use. He has always been ready to help with machining and advice. Most recently, he has supported major station building efforts by ZS4TX, ZS6EZ and others and DXpeditions such as C82DX in 2013.



Tjerk has received the SARL's Jack Twine Merit Award (2002), the Willy Wilson Gold Badge (2011) and Life Membership (2015).

Tjerk has constantly been active on the air. He is a keen DXer, and became only the second South African DXer with all 340 of the current DXCC entities confirmed on Phone.

He has achieved DXCC on each of seven frequency bands.

He has gladly shared his skills with others, as an examiner and instructor for those seeking HF privileges. He has also won an SARL contest trophy and holds several SARL operating awards (AAA, WAZS and Top Band Certificate).