

ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



WHAT IS RAFARS?

The RAF Amateur Radio Society was formed in 1938 and today has more than 600 members, including affiliated clubs, world-wide.

The Society AIMS to promote and foster Amateur Radio activities within the Royal Air Force and, through Amateur Radio, maintain and foster the close bonds that exist between Radio Amateurs serving in the RAF and those who have retired from, or have close links with it.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO JOIN RAFARS?

You can join as a CORPORATE member, if you:

- Are serving, or have served, with the Armed Forces of the UK or one of its Reserves or a subsumed force, e.g. the ROC, a Nursing Service.
- Are, or have been, a civilian employed by the Ministry of Defence.
- Are presently an Officer, Instructor or Cadet in any of the cadet training corps of the UK or the Combined Cadet Force.

Subject to RAFARS Council approval, you may join: As an ASSOCIATE member, if you:

- Are, or have been, connected with a Commonwealth, NATO or Allied Air Force, in either a serving or civilian capacity.
- Are, interested in the RAF and military aviation, and wish to assist the Society to achieve its published aims.
- Corporate and Associate members who provide proof that they are in receipt of full time education or training, pay a reduced subscription that can continue up to and including age 18 if proof of continuing student status is provided.

CLUB AND SOCIETY AFFILIATION

Organisations wishing to Affiliate to the Society – please contact the General or Members Secretaries or the Treasurer via HQ address overleaf.

WHAT THE SOCIETY DOES

- Conducts Radio Nets: locally on VHF FM, all modes inter G and worldwide on HF. Has a net and frequency devoted to QRS / QRP.
- Publishes QRV, the Society's magazine, twice yearly.
- Publishes QRZ, the Society's Callbook, updated twice yearly.
- Distributes a monthly Newsletter via RAFARS News Desk

- Has a comprehensive website at <www.rafars.org> - that is updated frequently and includes copies of monthly newsletters and the RAFARS Journal QRV.
- Operates a Field Representative Scheme and has an office at HQ to enable members to remain in close touch with the Society affairs.
- Exhibits at many Rallies and Major Conventions, throughout the year.
- Supplies a range of RAFARS related Commodities to members, at competitive prices.
- Organises national and local projects for members benefit, open to all members, such as Field Day teams & operates Special Events Stations under its GB*RAF callsigns.
- Has an Award Scheme for members.
- Holds closed contests for RAFARS members and joins in the national Affiliated Societies' contests.
- Encourages & assists the formation of Radio Clubs at RAF stations and ATC Units and encourages their affiliation to RAFARS.

WHAT IT COSTS

- All joiners, re-joiners and Affiliates, pay a one-off registration fee of £3.00.
- Does not apply to Students or ATC Cadets
- Corporate and Associate members - Annual Subscription is £14.00
- Students - Annual Subscription is £4.00
- ACO Cadets with a Foundation Licence – 1st year free
- Family - 2 or more Corporate /Associate members residing at the same address - Annual Subscription £11.50 per head (minimum £23.00). (Receive only one copy of each RAFARS publication per address)
- Members joining after 1st October pay only half the Subscription. (e.g. with Registration fee included - Corporate/Associate £10.00, Student £2 and Family £14.50 Minimum).
- All subscriptions (not registration fees) are renewable on April 1st

Keep this part of the form for reference. Send your Application to:

**The General Secretary
RAF Amateur Radio Society
RAF Cosford
WOLVERHAMPTON
West Midlands, WV7 3EX**

Office open part-time to collect mail and messages

Email: Membership@rafars.org

Telephone 01902 372722 (Answerphone)

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Database		Membership Pack	

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Callsign/RS No.			
Joining/Re-joining - old RAFARS No?			
Title/Rank	Initials	Surname	
Service No (If serving)		Year of Birth	
Forenames			
Name Used on Air			
Full Postal Address			
Postcode			
Email Address			
Telephone (Home)		Telephone (Work)	
Telephone (Mobile)			

I wish to be admitted as a member of RAFARS and, if admitted, agree to adhere to the Rules and Aims of the Society as published in its Constitution and Regulations.

I enclose the sum of £* being the amount of the Registration Fee and the Subscription due.

Or please send me the RAFARS bank details and I will transfer the funds.

Subscriptions fall due on 1st April each year and agree to pay it within 1 MONTH of that date.

I have read and, where applicable, actioned the Data Protection questionnaire printed overleaf

Signed Date.....

***Please make cheques/POs payable to "RAFARS"**

Please give a brief history of your RAF career, or links with the RAF, with relevant dates. Otherwise, please give your reasons for wishing to join the Society.

Interests: Please tick

HF		QRP	
VHF		Special Events	
UHF		Contests	
Microwave		ATV	
Data Modes		Computers	
CW		Expeds	
Other			

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

The Society keeps all members' and former members' details on a computer database. Its IT system complies with the Data Protection Act.

If applicable, please tick the relevant box or boxes:

I do not wish my personal details to be held on the Society Computer

I do not wish my Address to be published in the Society Callbook (QRZ)

I do not wish for my e-mail address to be published in the Society Callbook
