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GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS 2012 AND THE NEW YEAR 2013.

From all RAFARS Council/

Post Holders, Members and News Desk to all past
and present RAFARS Members including your XYL, OM, YL and Partner.
Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year with Health, Happiness and
Good

Fortunes for 2013, particularly those of you who may be on overseas
detachment/
postings and on active service commitments, and to those of
you who are sick or maybe now on your own over this holiday period.

NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS.

3684 GM6RFQ BILL
4782 M0ZAE HENRY

SILENT KEYS.

NONE THIS MONTH

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

2648 OZ1QV & OZ2RAF GRAHAM was OZ1KGV

A COMBINED SERVICES NET ON 5MHZ.

For the past two months RAFARS members have been trialling a short 5
MHz

Net on Sunday morning at 0900 local on channel FM = 5.403.50 MHz USB

Alternate frequency is FE = 5.398.50 MHz.

The net is now Tri-

service and Europe-wide with the regular assistance of
Graham OZ2RAF and call-in by other RNARS, RSARS and RAFARS members.

The net is established with a view to allow members the opportunity to experience the band and to reflect on the respective propagation paths between participants in comparison to other frequencies available. Most operators on the net are familiar with operating on 5MHz and other non-amateur frequencies in their service lives. The net typically exists for about half an hour and the controller is whoever grabs the microphone first or he who has the best general reception. The 5 MHz channels are limited to those radio amateurs who hold a full licence and have the appropriate NoV. For that reason I will be using my Sunday callsign G0TAK. If you cannot join us, please listen on the frequency and send a report to me g0tak@kencomp.net This may be the first time that a tri-service net has been established, let us hope that it continues to be a success.

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RAFARS 609

RAFARS 75TH ANNIVERSARY ON MONDAY 1ST OF APRIL 2013.
Next year RAFARS is 75yrs old. It would be appreciated if RAFARS members make a big effort to tell the world by either putting on a SES or a write up in your local Papers/Journals. Do not leave it too late - only a month till January 2013 and, do not forget, it takes at least a couple of months to organise a SES and magazines (Radcom etc) require 2 months notice.

RAFAC Cranwell, RAF Locking and RAF Cosford, the home of HQRAFARS for some part of the last 75 years, will be our main operating locations on April 1st. Anyone who puts a SES on the air for the RAFARS 75th Anniversary, please ask all stations worked if they require a QSL Card or not, and the system they wish to use; via the Bureau, via Services or direct by means of a SAE. This will save lots of cards being destroyed, RAFARS will create the cards once we have an idea how many cards need to be printed. Do not forget to inform News Desk and AOTA (G4DQP) so that a list can be produced of the SES expected to be on the Air during Bank Holiday Monday

1st April, or at other times that fit in with your year planner. Do not forget to inform the RSGB RadCom editor as well. Suggest we work HF on 80m and 40m as Primary bands and stick to the RAFARS frequencies if possible.

LIST OF SPECIAL STATIONS ON THE AIR 1 APRIL 2013 FOR RAFARS 75 YEARS

GB2RAF RAF Neatishead Norfolk NR12 8YB 80 or 40m to help Contact G4PSH
G0RAF RAF Waddington ARC Lincoln LN1 2BG 80 or 40m to help contact G0DBS

Join us on Air, or activate an AOTA station from your locality.

QAP FOR OZ2RAF/OZ1QV AND 9H3SW.

I have been fortunate in being able to obtain a rare two letter call sign, so I am now using OZ1QV (Queen Victoria). In addition, I have been granted OZ2RAF which I use exclusively for RAFARS nets and related activities.

I will still keep my old call signs G3RPD and OZ1KGV, but use them rarely.

As far as I know, I am the only RAFARS member living in Denmark
73 Grahame RAFAR
S 2648

Also QAP FOR 9H3SW Bernard G0SW0 may be on the air from 9H3SW if he can make it, he hopes to be on 20m or 40m

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER EVENTS IN 2012 /13.

13 Jan 2013 AFS CW RSGB RAFARS Get a team together and advise Roger G3ZDW

19 Jan 2013 AFS SSB RSGB RAFARS Get a team together and advise Roger G3ZDW

7/8 Sep 2013 SSB Field Day RSGB Metheringham Lincs LN4 3BQ Contact G3ZDW

All Contest Volunteers/

Queries and Contest log sheets to Roger G3ZDW QThr

GB2RAF AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM RAF NEATISHEAD RAFARS PERMANENT S.E. S.

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brief Sat 10 Nov 2012. 65 Stations worked. No RAFARS on the 1100A Nets.

Most of the day we remained on 40m 7.140 with pile ups and also with a

contest which started at 1200hrs. Thanks to Henry M0ZAE for all his help

in operating the station. Only 3 RAFARS Member worked G2AFV G0EYJ MW 1ARM.

I was unable to go on 20m CW at 1200 due to a pile up on 40m SSB.

But a good day with so many stations on the air due to the U.K Winter WX

now setting in the Bands get many more UK stations on the air. I was unable to go on 7.055 due to CW Contest and data traffic.

CQ CW DX 14.055 at 1200A see above.

GB2RAF will be operational normally every 2nd Sat of the month. Primary

frequency is 3.710Mhz but if 80m is down we can be found on 7.055Mhz but 7.100Mhz plus is the best for contacts over the last year.

The station will be operating 1 April 2013 instead of the 2nd Sat of April

2013.

Any RAFARS Member can operate the station with a class A licence but contact Terry G4PSH first to clear it with RAFARS Membership and the

Museum Manager.

GB2RAF is for RAFARS Members to operate whenever you wish on Tues, Thurs

or the 2nd Sat of every month 1000-1600hrs. The equipment is a IC736 100w into a Inverted V Trap Dipole for 20 40 80m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.

05 Feb., 16 Apr., 11 Jun., 10 Sep., 12 Oct (AGM provisional), 26 Nov

Any member may attend Council meetings but travel costs can not be paid.

Members wishing to attend (and applying by snail mail) must contact Mike

G7JPN our Gen. Sec., one month before the due date or two weeks by e-mail.

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 10/11/2012 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 25 Members.

Call signs are as follows:

2E0LSR G0ECJ G0EYJ G0FUV GW0PDB G1AEU G3GDU G0RPX G3IYT G3KDP G3RLO G3MWN

G3TQX MW3ULG G3WPP G40ST G4SXR G4WSX G4YFH G7AGZ G7HPI G8HUY M0KIT M0MRW

and MM0WHA.

Send 2nd Class Stamp SAEs to Andrew M3NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager QThr

in the RAFARS QRZ page 42 or inform Andrew what you wish him to do with

the cards. If nothing heard your QSL Cards will be sent to the RSGB Bureau

after 6 months of being received and your call sign removed from the NLs.

Also see RadComms and RSGB Website for the new RSGB QSL Bureau system.

If you are in contact with any of the above list, please advise them to

contact Andrew or better still ask them to send a SSAE to the RAFARS QSL

Bureau.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining a
s
Officers or Instructors please contact HQAC Radio Society, Dave M5AG
W
RAFARS 3477 QThr, e-
mail dave.aco2@virgin.net or Terry at RAFARS News
Desk who is a member of the ATC.

AOTA, AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR 2012.

When Active the following Permanent SES can give out points for AOTA
GB2RAF, GB2HAM, GB2VQJ, GB2CWP GB0SMA GB2LGR G1ASR and GB2MC.
Do not forget only AOTA stations registered with RAFARS can give out
points for the RAFARS Certificates.
The first week in April 2013 is the next major events for AOTA.
News Desk has not been advised of any other AOTA Activities to date.

VISITS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION (CITY IN THE SKY).

19 Dec Soyuz 33S LO 1212GMT Manned Spacecraft to/
from the ISS. Crew change
12 Feb Soyuz Progress 50P Stores supply craft only to/from the ISS
1 Mar NASA Private SpaceX-1 Falcon. Dragon 4 Module to/from ISS
28 Mar Soyuz ISS34S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew change.
6 Apr NASA Private SpaceX-1 Falcon. Dragon 5 Module to/from ISS
24 Apr Soyuz Progress 51P Stores supplies to/from the ISS
28 May Soyuz ISS35S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew change.
24 Jul Soyuz Progress 52P Stores supplies to/from the ISS

Note -

All Soyuz lift off are from Baikonur Cosmodrome, in Kazakhstan.

All missions are subject to last minute delays.

NASA is now private supported by SpaceX and uses Dragon modul
es.

If there are any members who wish to obtain ISS naked eye visual pas
ses

of the ISS contact News Desk for dates and times. Next visible sight
ings

17 to 28 Dec. Also see under ISS Data on RAFARS Website. To see it a
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on NASA TV Live 24/7, go to

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/ustream.html>

SAD NEWS ON PACKET.

It is now becoming very difficult to send out the RAFARS NLs via Pac
ket

this is due to the times, as there is hardly anyone on Packet anymor
e with

lots of BBSs closing down even GB7VLS GB7LDI and GB7MAX

will not be on the air much longer one reason is due to the internet
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However I will still send the NLs out until such times I am unable t
o

access any BBSs anymore.

NEW MEMBERS ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.

For Membership details contact: The General Secretary G7JPN, HQ RAFARS,
DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only)

The HQ office will be checked at least once weekly for mail and messages.

You may also e-mail <rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com>.

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto:

[http://www.rafars.org/content/](http://www.rafars.org/content/Join.html)

[Join.html](http://www.rafars.org/content/Join.html) then print the application form

(PDF file format) on an A4 sheet, fill it in, enclose the appropriate fee

and then post it to the Secretary for approval and processing.

RAFARS NEWS DESK.

Send your RAFARS EVENTS at LEAST one month in advance the cut off date is

the 25th of the month or send a News Flash to

Terry G4PSH 306 e-mail address terry@g4psh.co.uk

Packet at G4PSH@GB7VLS.#35.GBR.EU, Tel 01692 582064.

by letter QThr, International Call Books or see www.qrz.com.

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