

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS.	None This Month
SILENT KEYS.	2638 GOGUL JOHN
CALL SIGN CHANGES.	None This Month

## RAFARS 75 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CONTEST “THE DON GIBBONS TROPHY”

To celebrate the RAFARS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a special contest called “The Don Gibbons Trophy” will be held to celebrate the occasion and in recognition of Don’s very generous bequest to the Society.

The format has been changed from the established RAFARS contests, the main differences are that the same station may be contacted on different bands during the month and on different modes. There will be special prizes for first and second place.

This contest is open to RAFARS/ATC only.

Date: 1-30 April 2013

Time: 0000hrs 1 April – 2359hrs 30 April 2013

Bands: All HF bands (except WARC bands) and U/VHF

Modes: SSB, CW, DATA, plus FM on U/VHF

Frequencies: On or near recognised RAFARS net frequencies, as given in QRV

Scoring: HF contacts within own continent 3 Points. HF outside own continent 30 Points. VHF 20 Points UHF 20 Points. Triple bonus points for contacting RAFARS Special Event Stations on 1<sup>st</sup> April, operating from RAF Cranwell G3RAF, RAF Cosford G8FC and what was RAF Locking G8RAF.

Note:

1. Points may be claimed for contacts with members on different bands.
2. Points may be claimed for contacts with the same call-sign, using different modes, SSB, CW, FM or Data, providing there are more than 24 hours between each contact.

Logs: Date, Time, RS (T) and serial number sent, (serial number starting at 001 and continuing through the month) RAFARS number sent. RS(T) and serial number received, RAFARS number received, points claimed.

Log to: [g3zdw@btinternet.com](mailto:g3zdw@btinternet.com), or snail mail to: Contest Manager G3ZDW, address in QRZ. Paper logs will be received in any reasonable form (but, please not postcards or small pieces of paper) and must be declared as a true copy of the entrants’ logbook.

Entries should be sent to arrive no later than 22 May 2013.

## **RAFARS 75TH ANNIVERSARY ON MONDAY 1ST OF APRIL 2013.**

This year RAFARS is 75yrs old. By now Members who are going to put a SES, Club or personal Call on the air or who have arranged to do their own event should be all organised by now for the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and thereafter.

Those of you who have put 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 an SAE. This will save many cards being destroyed.

HQRAFARS are going to produce a Special 75Yrs QSL Card and full details should be in the April NL on how to apply. Make sure you are familiar with the New RSGB QSL Card rulings.

## **RAFARS 75 YEARS LIST OF SPECIAL STATIONS ON THE AIR 1 APRIL 2013.**

GB2RAF	RAF Neatishead	Contact Terry G4PSH
G0RAF	RAF Waddington ARC Lincoln LN1 2BG	Contact Robert G3VCA
G3RAF	RAF Cranwell Original Radio School Location	Contact Roger G3ZDW
G8RAF	RAF Locking Nr BS24 8DG	Contact Kevin G6ZRL
G8FC	RAF Cosford	Contact Mike G3VAO
GB0BD	RAF Banff Strike Wing Boyndie Airfield 30/31Mar 1Apr	Contact MM0XDB
GB0WY	RAF Wyton Air Training Corps	Contact David M0ZZT
GB1BA	RAF Barkston Heath Contact Air Training Corps	Contact David M0ZZT
GB0HN	RAF Halton Air Training Corps	Contact Malcolm G7VRT
G3ELV	RAF Henlow	Contact Kevin G0PWR
G6RAF	RAF North Luffenham (awaiting authorisation to tx)	Contact Tony G0WFW
GB0CW	RAF Cranwell HQAC Radio Room (Awaiting Ofcom call-sign authorisation)	
W2R	Mike. KE2EH 0001-0400z 7.026cw 7.145ssb. 1030-1800z 14.055cw 14.180ssb.	

News Desk have not been advised by members of any other SES on the air.

## **THE COMBINED SERVICES NET ON 5.403.50MHZ**

The RNARS, RSARS, RAFARS "tri-service" 5 MHz net continues to attract attention from 5 MHz NoV holders and, at present, G0TAK operates a 'group callsign' of 16 interested parties, enabling everyone to be updated in the same e-mail without disturbing other users.

The net continues to operate on 5.403.5 MHz on Sunday morning at 0900 local for about three quarters of an hour. Anyone with the required NoV is welcome to join us. Additionally, at the request of some group members a tentative step has been made to operate on the same frequency at 1900 local on Tuesday evenings. If you have the capability of monitoring this frequency but no NoV please let G0TAK have a report on your reception to [g0tak@kencomp.net](mailto:g0tak@kencomp.net) or QThr.

## **RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER EVENTS IN 2013/14.**

16 Mar and 12 Apr	GB75HMSB HMS Belfast 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Contact RNARS
1 Apr	RAFARS 75th Anniversary Link up.	See RAFARS 75 yrs List above
6 Apr	Devon/Cornwall RAFARS Get Together at Redruth	Contact Michael M0MJG
1-30 Apr	RAFARS 75th Anniversary Don Gibbons	Contest logs to Roger G3ZDW
27/28 Apr	RAF Perranporth Cornwall	Contact Michael M0MJG
1/2 Jun	NFD RSGB Metheringham, Help Required	Contact Roger G3ZDW
23 Jun	ON2RAFMOTA for WW2 Pilots in Hamont-Achel	Contact ON3EA
5 Sep	Rolling 3 CW RAFARS Contest	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
7/8 Sep	SSB FD RSGB Metheringham Help Required	Contact Roger G3ZDW

12 Oct AGM at RAF Cosford (Date Provisional)  
1 Dec Christmas RAFARS Contest/Greetings Logs to Roger G3ZDW  
12 Jan14 AFS CW RSGB Get a Team together and Inform Roger G3ZDW  
18 Jan AFS SSB RSGB Get a Team together and Inform Roger G3ZDW

All Contest Volunteers/Queries and Contest log sheets to Roger G3ZDW QTHr

Note- RAFARS Field Day QTH is Metheringham Lincs LN4 3BQ. Operators are needed Roger cannot do it all himself so please help him out even if it's only for a few hours of your time.

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

De-brief Sat 12 Jan. 22 Stations worked with RAFARS G7BQM G8BVJ G2AFV G8UUG G0FDU and SES G100RSGB. Most contacts on 7.145 after the 1100hrs Net.

De-brief Sat 9 Feb. Henry M0ZAE RAFARS 4782 was also operating the Station. 56 Stations worked. RAFARS Members on 3.710 G7BQM on 7.155 G0OID G3ICH G3WWL G0FDU M1ABK also GB3RS. No stations on 1100hrs Nat Net. Stations required the WAB Square for the RSGB Certificates.

GB2RAF will be operational normally every 2nd Sat of the Month (see below).

Primary frequency is 3.710Mhz but if 80m is down we can be found on 7.155Mhz.

The station will operate on 1 Apr 2013 for RAFARS 75th instead of the 2nd Sat of Apr 2013.

Any RAFARS Member with a class A licence can operate the station but first contact Terry G4PSH to clear it with RAFARS 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/ATU 100w into a Inverted V Trap Dipole for 20 40 80m.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.**

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 13/02/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 21 Members.

Call signs are as follows:

2E0LSR G0ECJ G0FDU G0FUV GW0PDB G0WOI G1AEU G0RPX G3KDP G3RLO G3MWN  
G3TQX G3WPP G4WSX G7CLY G7HPI G8HUY M0KIT M0MRW MW1ARM MW3ULG.

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 RadComs 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.**

ATC Join RAFARS 75YRS Anniversary Events. See Call-sign list above.

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining as Officers or Instructors please contact HQAC Radio Society, Dave M5AGW RAFARS 3477 QTHr, e-mail dave.aco2@virgin.net or Terry at RAFARS News Desk who is a Radio Officer with the ATC.

## **AOTA, AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR 2013.**

1 Apr See List Above of Special Event Stations for RAFARS 75Yrs.

19/20 Mar RAF Purdiswell 80-10m MOVNG + Cadets GB1PER

27/28 Apr RAF Perranporth Cornwall (awaiting more information)

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 award 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 up to 25 Feb.

## **AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2013 WITH POST CODES.**

### **(Phone before you go)**

5 May Abington Air and County Show Oxon. OX13 6JG

26 May Duxford Spring Airshow Cambs. CB2 4QR

9 Jun RAF Cosford Air Show. TF11 8UP

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

1 Mar NASA Private SpaceX-1 Falcon L/O 1510Z. Dragon 4 Module to/from ISS

28 Mar Soyuz ISS34S L/O 2043Z Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew change.

24 Apr Soyuz Progress 51P Stores supplies to/from the ISS

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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 modules.

If there are any members who wish to obtain ISS naked eye visual passes of the ISS contact News Desk for dates and times. Also see under ISS Data on RAFARS Website. To see it all on NASA TV Live 24/7, go to <http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/ustream.html>

## **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/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](mailto:terry@g4psh.co.uk), or by letter QThr, International Call Books or see [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).

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