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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS.

4783	SWL	996 (Wallingford) ATC Sqn
4784	MOHBM	Barry
4785	MOSAS	Steve

SILENT KEYS.

3165	G3BFP	John
3792	G3MSQ	Harry

CALL SIGN CHANGES. NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS 75 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CONTEST "THE DON GIBBONS TROPHY"

To celebrate the RAFARS 75th 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 RAFAR S 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 1st 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, 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

THE COMBINED SERVICES NET ON 5.403.50MHZ

The Tri-service 5 MHz net is now well established and operates on 5.403 .50 MHz on Sunday morning at 0900 local time and persists for about 45 minutes."

A second weekly net operates on the same frequency at 19:00 hours local on Tuesday evening.

The net controller is usually G3 RAF (G0TAK) depending on conditions.

There are 20 people enrolled as members of the Tri-service e-mail collective address which is used to distribute information about the operation of the net to those interested. If you wish to receive this information please contact g0tak@kencomp.net.

The Nets are principally aimed at members of RNARS, RSARS, and RAFARS but basically we will talk to anybody who wishes to join us. Don't forget you do need a NoV from Ofcom to operate.

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

1 Apr to 31 Dec 2013 RAFARS 75th Anniversary

1-30 Apr RAFARS 75th Anniversary Don Gibbons Contest Contest logs to Roger G3ZDW

07 Apr Blackpool Norbreck Rally Contact Mike G7JPN

12 Apr GB75HMSB HMS Belfast 75th Anniversary Contact RNARS

6 Apr Devon/Cornwall RAFARS Get Together at Redruth Contact Michael M0MJG

10/11 Aug GB1CC RAF Carew Cheriton with ATC Cadets Contact Max M0VNG

27/28 Apr GB0PA RAF Perranporth Cornwall Commemorate WW2 Contact Dennis G7AGZ

1/2 Jun NFD RSGB Metheringham, Help Required Contact Roger G3ZDW

16 June RAF Linton on Ouse SES Call sign n/k ATC Contact G4TXK

23 Jun ON2RAFMOTA for WW2 Pilots in Hamont-Achel Contact ON3EA

29 Jun GB1PD RAF Brawdy SA62 6LS (Air Cadets) Contact GW4RVA

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 can not 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.

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

De-brief Sat 8 Mar. 26 Stations worked. RAFARS G7BMQ worked on 80m and 40m. No stations came up on the 80m Nat Net at 1100. As no stations on 80m after 1115 I QSYd to 7.155Mhz till 1400hrs and did work G100RSGB and GB4SL. The WX was so bad, sleet at 3 deg and flooding I went QRT Early.

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.

Any RAFARS Member with a Full 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 an 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 19/03/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 21 Members.

Call signs are as follows:

2E0LSR G0ECJ G0FDU G0FUV GW0PDB G0WOI G1AEU G0RPX G3KDP G3RLO 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.

RAFARS wish to thank ACO Radio for all the support on the 1 Apr 2013 celebrating 75yrs of RAFARS. The ATC managed to put 7 RAF SES on the air.

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, or 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.

6/7 Apr GB1PER RAF Perdiswell

With cadets MOVNG

27/28 Apr GB0PA RAF Perranporth Cornwall Commemorate WW2

Contact Dennis G7AGZ

16 Jun CALLSIGN tba RAF Linton on Ouse

with Cadets G4TXK

29 Jun GB1PD RAF Brawdy SA62 6LS (Air Cadets)

Contact GW4RVA

10/11 Aug GB1CC RAF Carew Cheriton

With cadets GW4RVA

When Active the following Permanent SES can give out points for AOTA:-

GB2RAF GB2HAM GB2VQJ GB2CWP GB0SMA GB2LGR G1ASR GB1RAF M6PAP and GB2MC.

Do not forget, only AOTA stations registered with RAFARS can award points for the RAFARS Certificates. Also see RAFARS Web site under AOTA.

News Desk has not been advised of any further AOTA Activities up to 28 March.

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).

24 Apr Soyuz Progress 51P L/O 1012z Stores supplies only to/from the ISS

28 May Soyuz ISS35S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew change.

24 Jul Soyuz Progress 52P Stores supplies only to/from the ISS

25 Sep Soyuz ISS 36S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS Crew change

16 Oct Soyuz Progress 53P Stores supplies only to/from the ISS

25 Nov Soyuz ISS37S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS Crew change

28 Nov Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Private CRS3 Dragon 3 Space module to/from ISS

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

All missions are subject to last minute delays.

NASA Lift Off are now privately supported by SpaceX and uses Dragon modules.

ISS is visual this Month 9 Apr to 22 Apr no telescopes Etc are required.

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

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