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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS

403	G8HEU	PAUL	4789	M6DWE	DAVID
3042	G4NYC	GERRY	4790	SWL	JANE
4680	M3ZKB	KEN	4791	M5AIB	TONY
4786	M6GBO	BRUCE	4792	G2ABR	CHRIS
4787	G3YDL	JIM	4793	G4JVJ	NOBBY
4788	M3PLK	SIMON			

SILENT KEYS

231	G4AOP	DAVE
382	G3JPX	FRANK
1256	G4UGC	BILL

CALL SIGN CHANGES. NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013

The Annual Dinner and AGM will now take place on Saturday 26th October 2013. The AGM will be held in the No 1 Radio School at Cosford commencing at 1330hrs. Grays Hotel at Telford will again be the venue for the dinner – 1930 for 2000hrs.

Members planning to meet in the hotel on the Friday night should book their rooms early.

URGENT RAFARS NET FREQUENCY CHANGES.

Daily UK 1100UKL is now 7.080Mhz not 3.710Mhz. Please delete M0RGI from the Controllers list.

Daily UK Insert 7.155Mhz which can be used for SES and those Controllers/Members who have 7.155 on the modern rigs. Data on 7.055Mhz most of the time caused the move.

Daily UK 1830UKL to remain 3.710Mhz but can QSY to 7.080 or 7.155 if 80m is a white out/heavy noise levels.

Please amend your QRZ Call book back cover and see RAFARS NETS on www.rafars.org.

TALKING QRV.

Talking QRV is an audio version of QRV available to members who are registered Blind or Partially Sighted. Since Autumn 1994, it has been produced on tapes that are now difficult to find at a reasonable price so it is now available on an audio (mp3) CD for use with the RNIB DAISY players or an mp3 player. This means more of QRV can be included as it is not restricted

to the 90 minutes as on a tape. If you are registered Blind or Partially Sighted please contact G3TQX QTH(R) at georgeg032@hotmail.com.

Would members please pass this information on any member they know who is registered blind or partially blind

G6RAF CALL-SIGN AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS.

Members are reminded that G6RAF is available to any member for use for a Month/s. All you have to do is contact Michael M0MJG Treasurer for authorisation.

SHORT DEBRIEF RAFARS 75TH AOTA 1ST APRIL 2013

With only 2 reports received at News Desk, the RAFARS 75th Anniversary held on the 1 April 2013 was a big success, with so many saying they would like another one like it, so we will see what ACO Radio and RAFARS Council decide. Number of known RAF Stations on the air was 25 of which 7 were ATC involvement. Well done to all who took part and a special thanks to those who put on a RAF SES on the day.

Bands in use were 80 and 40m with 40m SSB the most popular. SES Stations reports for the one day received at News Desk up to and including 25th April are:

GB2RAF RAF Neatishead 106 Contacts I/C MOZAE

G3RAF/P RAFC Cranwell 211 Contacts I/C G3ZDW

QSL CARDS for 75th Anniversary:

There may be a few problems with the system as some SES would not have registered with the RSGB Bureau or the person in charge of the Radio Station not being a RSGB Member. So it will be left to each individual station manager to look after the QSL Card system, but please please send off a Large SAE to RAFARS QSL Bureau with your SES Call sign on it so as Andrew will know where to send the return cards too. Sorry to keep on about QSL Cards but we still have quite a number of amateurs who like QSL Cards in particular those from SES .

Do not forget to inform HQRAFARS Council and News Desk of number of stations worked and number of QSL Cards required on your RAF SES, as this information is required to ascertain how many QSL Cards need to be printed for the Main SES operating on Monday April 1st 2013.

WEST MIDLANDS VHF NET.

The West Midland VHF Net is still active on 145.325Mhz at 2000hrs (local) every Tues evening there is no Net Controller but 1st on is the normal system for control, so give Peter G3JTT your support.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

Both Council and Members are finding it very difficult in emailing members who have changed there email address and not informed anyone. Could all members who have email facilities please inform HQRAFARS Data File if you have any changes. Due to the Data Protection Act News Desk are unable to insert any email addresses changes in the NLs, so please inform our General Secretary so as Mike can download on our data file for our QRZ Call Book.

Also if you are on the NL Mailing List from News Desk do not forget to inform Terry G4PSH.

THE COMBINED SERVICES NET ON 5.403.50MHZ

The Tri-service 5 MHz net operates on 5.403 .50 MHz on Sunday morning at 0900 local time and at 19:00 hours local on Tuesday evening. The net controller is usually G0TAK or first man on parade. There are 22 people enrolled as members of the Tri-service e-mail collective address, 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 If you wish to join us you do need a NoV from Ofcom to operate on this band. Roy is (hopefully) about to QSY to the deep South and will probably be without comms for a few weeks, but can be contacted by telephone through headquarters RAFARS.

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

18-20 May	ON44BLH Battle of Lanzerath Hill WW2		Contact Eddy ON3EA
1/2 Jun	NFD RSGB Metheringham,	Help Required	Contact Roger G3ZDW
23 Jun	ON2RAF MOTA 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
26 Oct	AGM at RAF Cosford and Annual Dinner at Grays Hotel, Telford		
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. Operator was Henry M0ZAE (G4PSH was Sick) who worked 106 Stations on 7.150. 28 RAFARS Members worked including G3RAF/P, GB0WY, G0RAF, GB2SQN, G3ELV, G3SDY, 2E1RAF and GORHJ/P Locking.

GB2RAF was also operational on Sat 13 Apr. 66 Stations worked on 7.080 and 7.177. RAFARS Members G4DDX G3LUW M0YMK G0SDZ G2AFV G3HWQ G1AEU G4PFR G4AHO and M6PAP, Only 4 points given out for the 75TH Trophy.

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 7.080 or 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 (with instruction manual) 100w output into an Inverted V Trap Dipole for 20 40 80m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.

11 Jun, 10 Sep. 26 Oct AGM, 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 08/04/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 21 Members. Call signs are:

2E0LSR G0ECJ G0FDU G0FUV GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G1AEU G3KDP G3MWN G3RLO G3WPP G4WSX G7CLY G7HPI G8HUY M0KIT M0MRW M0SAS MW1ARM MW3ULG 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 with a SSAE to the RAFARS QSL Bureau.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

See AOTA Airfields on the Air website list for ATC Activations.

Radio Contests ATC ONLY this year 5 May National HF/VHF/UHF Field day. 10/11 May Messagathon 6.

24 to 28 Jun Exercise Week Signal. 16 to 23 Jul RIAT Fairford with tx restrictions.

11 Aug National HF Field Day. 13 Oct National HF/VHF/UHF Field Day, rules in ACP44.

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.

16 Jun CALLSIGN tba RAF Linton on Ouse

With Cadets G4TXK

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

With Cadets 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 Airfield on the Air. 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 Air Show Cambs. CB2 4QR

31 May to 02 Jun Sywell Aero Expo Northants NN6 0BT

8 Jun Folkstone Kent Shepway Air Show GT20 2EB

9 Jun RAF Cosford Air Show. TF11 8UP

9 Jun Welshpool Powys Air Show SY21 8SG

15 Jun The Mall London Queens Birthday Fly Past

6/7 Jul RAF Waddington Lincs International Air Show LN5 9B

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

28 May Soyuz ISS35S Manned Spacecraft LO 2032Z 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

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

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

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.

If there are any members who wish to obtain ISS naked eye visual passes of the ISS contact News Desk for dates and times. Next visual of the ISS 7 June. 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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