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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS

4794 MKWQ2 MICK (Marine call sign)

SILENT KEYS

NONE THIS MONTH

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

4777 2W0GIB TONY was MW6TES

HQ OPEN & RAFARS STAND AT COSFORD AIR SHOW ON SUNDAY JUNE 9TH

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL EDITOR MOVES TO NEW QTH.

Roy our present QRV editor G0TAK 609 has moved to Hertfordshire his new email address is r-walker24@sky.com. See www.qrz.com for change of address in due course.

I am sure that all the RAFARS Council/Members wish Roy and Jenny the best of luck in their new home. Roy has informed News Desk that his antenna, mast and washing machine have been installed as a top priority.

RAFARS DON GIBBONS TROPHY CONTEST.

The last date for the submission of Logs for the RAFARS Don Gibbons Trophy Contest (special 75th Anniversary Contest) has been extended to the 15 June 2013. Logs to be sent to the Contest Manager at: g3zdw@btinternet.com or snail mail via address in QRZ.

G6RAF CALL-SIGN AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS.

Members are again 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.

SES RAFARS 75TH ANNIVERSARY QSL CARDS.

Only the 3 main HQRAFARS Stations RAF Cranwell G3RAF RAF Locking G8RAF and RAF Cosford G8FC will be giving out HQRAFARS 75TH Anniversary SES QSL Cards. Any other Station which took part can arrange their own QSL cards if they so wish, which will be up to the Person who organised the Station.

Could all RAFARS Members who took part and wish to receive QSL Cards send an SAE 2nd class to Andrew RAFARS QSL Bureau; and the RSGB Bureau if you have made arrangements with them to use the RSGB QSL Bureau.

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

1/2 Jun	NFD RSGB Metheringham, See Flash NL 180A	Contact Roger G3ZDW
09 Jun	Cosford Air Show. HQ open and RAFARS Stand	Contact Gen. Sec G7JPN
23 Jun	ON2RAFOTA 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	Contact Roger G3ZDW
27/28 Sep	National RSGB Hamfest Newark Postcode NG24 2NY	Contact Peter G0NVY
26 Oct	AGM at RAF Cosford WV7 3EX and Annual Dinner at Grays Hotel, Telford TF3 4NA	
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.

De-brief Sat 11 May 2013 Number of stations worked 44 on 7.080 SSB. No one came on the 1100A net. RAFARS worked G1AEU G8QZ GB617SQN. Worked 12 Mills on the Air, conditions good. 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.

At 1400Z GB2RAF will give out some calls on 14.055 CW for DX (if G4PSH is Operating).

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.

(June meeting is brought forward to the 10th.)

10 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 ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013

The Annual Dinner and AGM will 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. Grays Inn Telford TF3 4NA Phone 01952 425000.

OFFICIAL RAF AMATEUR RADIO LOGO

All Members are to use the new MOD approved RAFARS Amateur Radio Logo on official business documents. Copies of the older version should be destroyed.

The RAFARS Wings and Diamond will be retained for internal use.

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 19/05/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 28 Members. Call signs are:
2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ G0FDU G0FUV GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G1AEU G3KDP G3MWN
G3RLO G3TQX G3WPP G3XKT G4WSX GM4DLG G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8CCK 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. The RSGB QSL Bureau is only available to Clubs or Radio Amateurs who are RSGB paid up members.

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.

Reports in so far regarding 75TH RAFARS Anniversary. ATC at RAF Stations which took part were:

RAF Halton GB0HN 129 Contacts MOD Boscombe Down GB0BN 72 Contacts

RAF Stranbridge GB2STB 100 Contacts RAF Wyton GB0WY 120 Contacts.

RAF Pembroke Dock GB1PD 10 Contacts (abandoned early due to bad weather)

Well done ATC on the RAF SES 75TH Feedback to News Desk.

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.

RAFARS 75TH Anniversary AOTA 1 April No more reports received at News Desk other than G3RAF/P and GB2RAF from any RAF SES Managers/Operators,
Note RAF SES by ATC see reports under AIR TRAINING CORPS Column.

16 Jun GB2ACN RAF Linton on Ouse With ATC Cadets G4TXK

29 Jun GB1BW RAF Brawdy SA62 6LS (Air Cadets) With ATC Cadets GW4RVA

10/11 Aug GB1CC RAF Carew Cheriton With ATC 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 'Airfield on the Air' on the RAFARS Web site. News Desk has not been advised of any further AOTA Activities up to 25 May.

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

(Phone before you go)

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 SW1A1AA

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

13 Jul RNARS Yeovilton International Air Day BA22 8HT

13/14 Jul IWM Duxford Flying Legends Air Show CB2 4QR

13/14 Jul Swansea Bay Wales National Air Show SA1 3SA

20/21 Jul RAF Fairford Royal International Air Tattoo GL7 4EG

24 Jul RNAS Culdrose Air Day TR12 7RH

27 Jul RAFC Cranwell RAFBF Anthems in the Park NG34 8HB

27 Jul East Fortune National Museum of Flight Show EH39 5LF
27/28 Jul Sunderland Tyne and Wear International Air Show SR6 8AB
Note 22 Jun Cancelled Durham Tees Valley Airport Air Show

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

27 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
07 Nov Soyuz ISS37S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS Crew change
11 Nov Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Private CRS3 Dragon5 Space module to/from ISS
21 Nov Soyuz Progress 53P Stores supplies only to/from the 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.

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 to 18 Jun. 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

All Radio Amateurs, who are not Ex RAF may apply to be a RAFARS Member providing you have an interest in aviation Your Membership Application will be considered by Council and if approved you will be an Associate Member which means you will have all the privileges of been a RAFARS Member except as an Associate Member you will not be able to Vote.

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@gmail.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.grz.com>

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