

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS

3920 G7FTN MARTIN

SILENT KEYS

NONE THIS MONTH

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

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## SSB FIELD DAY IS NEXT MONTH 7/8 SEPT 2013.

A gentle reminder that SSB Field Day is getting nearer. If it's not already there, please put the date in your diary, Saturday & Sunday 7/8 September at RAF Metheringham LN4 3BQ. You will recall we had to cancel last year's entry due to insufficient numbers, I do not want the same to happen this year.

**Regards Roger G3ZDW RAFARS Contest Manager.**

News desk was under the impression that we were short of operators for CW but not for SSB. So would RAFARS Members give Roger your full support to fly the RAFARS Flag. After all the hard work organising a RAFARS Field Day, we should not have to cancel it due to lack of support by members.

If you are able to assist, please contact Roger by QThr or email [g3zdw@btinternet.com](mailto:g3zdw@btinternet.com).

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

|             |  |                     |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 5 Sep       | Rolling 3 CW RAFARS Contest  | Logs to Roger G3ZDW |
| 7/8 Sep     | SSB FD RSGB Metheringham, Lincs.   | Contact Roger G3ZDW |
| 14/15 Sep   | GB8CHG WW2 80 Wing at Charley, Leics. LE67 4UA. By G3RAL                     | Contact Art G3KWY   |
| 27/28 Sep   | National RSGB Hamfest Newark NG24 2NY  | Contact G0NVY       |
| 13 Oct      | Hornsea Radio Rally Floral Hall on the Sea Front                             | Contact G0SWO       |
| 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 Jan 2014 | AFS CW RSGB Get a Team together and Inform                                   | Roger G3ZDW         |
| 18 Jan      | AFS SSB RSGB Get a Team together and inform                                  | Roger G3ZDW         |
| 7/8 Jun     | CW NFD RSGB Metheringham, Lincs. (Operators needed)                          | Contact Roger G3ZDW |
| 4 Sept      | RAFARS Rolling 3 CW  | Logs to Roger G3ZDW |
| 6/7 Sept    | SSB NFD RSGB Venue: Metheringham, Lincs.                                     | Contact Roger G3ZDW |
| 7 Dec       | RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting see QRV Journal for rules                  | Logs to Roger G3ZDW |

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

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

De Brief for 13 Jul. Conditions Poor with QSB. Operators G4PSH and M0ZAE. 1100A SSB RAFARS Net Only 2 RAFARS station worked MW1ARM and G4IHY. At 1300z World Wide contest of Radio Societies on all modes and bands hence only 20 Stations worked all day.

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.**

Please note the amended date for the September meeting.

**11 Sep.** 26 Oct AG. 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.

## **RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.**

As of 20/07/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 24 Members. Call signs are:  
2E0LSR G0WOI G1AEU G3KDP G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3WPP G4LYU G3VAO G3XKT G4WSX  
GM4DLG G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8CKK G8HUY M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT MW1ARM  
MW3ULG .

Send 2nd Class Stamp SAE 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.**

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](mailto:dave.aco2@virgin.net) or Terry at RAFARS News Desk who is a Radio Officer with the ATC.

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

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 July.

## **RAFARS NATIONAL NETS.**

RAFARS Daily National SSB Nets 1100hrs (local) 7.080Mhz. 1830hrs 3.710.

For RAFARS 40m Secondary Net or Special Event Stations 7.155Mhz.

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 GOTAK or first man on parade. Also see QRZ Call book for all other RAFARS Nets.

## **RAFARS QRV JOURNAL REMINDER.**

RAFARS has a New QRV Journal Editor Bob GM4DLG RAFARS 2090.

Bob's email address is [robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk). Home address as per RAFARS QRZ Call Book. See also [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).

Your articles and photographs for the Spring edition of QRV should be sent to Bob before January 10th 2014.

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

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

|           |  |
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| 3 Aug     | RAFBF Air Show East Kerkby Kent PE23 4DE                   |
| 8-11      | International Balloon Fiesta Ashton Court Bristol BS8 3TQ  |
| 11/12 Aug | Blackpool Air Show at the Sea front FY1 1LY                |
| 15/18     | Eastbourne Airbourne International Air Show BN23 6NS       |
| 22/23     | Clacton on Sea Air Show CO15 1LD                           |
| 24        | Dawlish Air Show EX7 0BS                                   |
| 29/1 Sep  | Bournemouth Air Show BH1 3AD                               |
| 31/1      | Rhyl Air Show LL18 3YP                                     |
| 31/1      | West Bay Portrush N Ireland International Air Show. PC n/k |
| 31/1      | Shoreham Air Show BN43 5FF                                 |
| 7         | RAF Leuchars Air Show KY16 0JX                             |
| 7/8       | Duxford IWM Air Show CB2 4QR                               |
| 12        | Jersey International Air Display PC n/k                    |
| 12        | Guernsey Battle of Britain Air Show PC n/k                 |
| 14/15     | Southport Air Show Merseyside PR8 1SD                      |
| 13 Oct    | Duxford IWM Air Show CB2 4QR                               |

That Concludes the Major Air Shows this year.

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

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

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

20 Nov Soyuz Progress 53P Stores supplies only to/from the ISS

09 Dec Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Private CRS3 Dragon5 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.

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

Next visual of the ISS 6 to 18 Aug. 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 join as an Associate Member with all the privileges of membership except you will not be able to exercise a vote.

For Membership details contact: The General Secretary G7JPN, HQ RAFARS, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Mike G7JPN at [rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com](mailto:rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com).

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

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 for the Monthly RAFARS News Letter. The cut off date is the 25th of the previous month or send a News Flash to Terry G4PSH, RAFARS 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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