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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

883	GI3KVD	DAVID
1460	G4MFS	MIKE
4797	G7TLK	KEV

SILENT KEYS.

1777	G4IZW	KEN
2816	G3IRM	PETER
4597	SWL	JAMES

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

NONE THIS MONTH

SSB FIELD DAY 7/8 SEP 2013.

RSGB RAFARS SSB Field Day is here. 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.

If you are able to assist, please contact Roger by QThr or email g3zdw@btinternet.com

Regards Roger G3ZDW RAFARS Contest Manager.

NATIONAL HAMFEST, NEWARK 27/28 SEP 2013.

RAFARS will have a stand at the National Hamfest, Newark on the 27/28 September. There will be a full range of the Society's commodities for sale and orders can be taken for personalised items. If any members have forgotten to pay their subs, they can be paid here. There will be at least one Council member available on both days. At 1300 hours why not come to the RAFARS stand to meet old friends and hopefully make some new ones.

RAFARS G8FC RSGB CW FIELD DAY RESULTS.

RAFARS came 19th out of 20 entries in the restricted group. Again, thanks to all those involved, without your help RAFARS would not have had an entry, you know how close it was to being called off. A special thanks to Paul, (one of our newest members), the supplier of caffeine throughout the night, sure that is how we got the extra QSOs!

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.

11 Sep. 26 Oct AGM. 26 Nov.

Any member may attend Council meetings but travel costs cannot 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.

Full details can also be found on the RAFARS website and will be published in the QRV Journal with booking form. Please also return the form if you are unable to attend the AGM Venue.

RAF BOY ENTRANT ASSOCIATION.GB0BEA

Mike GD0HYM RAFARS 2553 has obtained the SES Call GB0BEA. You may be all aware that Mike lives in the Isle of Man and will establish the SES at Ronaldsway Airport Air Museum.

The dates are from the 7 Sep to the 1 Nov 2013: operational only on Sundays, but weekdays including Sats if Operators available. I know we do have a few members in the IOM who may be able to assist Mike. We have of course, quite a few Ex B/E in RAFARS so maybe if you live in the North West area you also may be able to help out.

Contact Mike QTHr or email to aquatechiom@mcb.net

GB2MC RAFARS 4669 MUCKLEBURGH COLLECTION MUSEUM.

News Desk has been informed that the Radio Museum at the Muckleburgh Collection Museum which was run by the Norfolk Amateur Radio Group has been told by the Museum Managers they have to vacate the site and Radio Shack GB2MC. So the Radio Museum is now looking for a new home. This seems like a repeat scenario of GB2BP.

RAFARS WEBMASTER NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

All RAFARS email correspondence for our RAFARS Website Webmaster is now to be sent to RAFARS.Webmaster@gmail.com

Please delete all previous email addresses of RAFARS Webmaster Gary G0DNI (Demon) and insert the new one as above. Also see News Flash 183A

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
7 Sep	GB0BEA Boy Entrant Association Ronaldsway Airport IofM	Contact GD0HYM
14/15 Sep	GB8CHG WW2 80 Wing at Charley, Leics. LE67 4UA. By G3RAL	Contact Art G3KQY
27/28 Sep	National RSGB Hamfest Newark NG24 2NY	Contact G0NVY
5 Oct to 1 Nov	GB0BEA Boy Entrants Association Ronaldsway Airport IofM	Contact GD0HYM
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 (Rules in QRV and QRZ)	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 10 Aug . Operators M0ZAE and G4PSH guest M6BJD

Conditions good up to 1130A then skip distance changing a lot with heavy noise levels and QSB. Number of Stations worked 30, RAFARS Members worked on 7.080 G2AFV G7CLY G1FDL GOSDZ G3HWQ G4PFR and 2 specials on 7.155 GB2SQN and GB55VUL

GB2RAF will be operational normally every 2nd Sat of the Month.

Primary frequency is 3.710 MHz but if 80m is down we can be found on 7.080 or 7.155 MHz.

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 an IC736/ATU (with instruction manual) 100w output into an Inverted V Trap Dipole for 20 40 80m.

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 20/08/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 32 Members. Call signs are:

2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ G0FDU G0FUV GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G1AEU G3KDP G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO G3WPP G3XKT G4LYU G4WSX GM4DLG G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8CKK G8HUY M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT M0ZAE 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 or Terry at RAFARS News Desk who is a Radio Officer with the ATC.

AOTA, AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR 2013.

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

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

Only AOTA stations registered with RAFARS can award points for the RAFARS Certificates.

7 Sep to 1 Nov GB0AOA at Ronaldsway Airfield Isle of Man

Also see 'Airfield on the Air' on the RAFARS Web site.

RAFARS 5MHZ NET.

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. Also see QRZ Call book for all other RAFARS Nets.

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

(Phone before you go)

29/1 Sep Bournemouth Air Show BH1 3AD

31/1 Sep Rhyl Air Show LL18 3YP

31/1 Sep West Bay Portrush N Ireland International Air Show. PC n/k

31/1 Sep Shoreham Air Show BN43 5FF

7 Sep RAF Leuchars Air Show KY16 0JX

7/8 Sep Duxford IWM Air Show CB2 4QR

12 Sep Jersey International Air Display PC n/k

12 Sep Guernsey Battle of Britain Air Show PC n/k
14/15 Sep 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
15 Jan Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Private CRS3 Dragon5 Space module to/from ISS
5 Feb 2014 Soyuz Progress 54P Stores supplied only to/from ISS
26 Mar Soyuz ISS38S 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, 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>

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL LAST REMINDER.

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

Bob's email address is robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk. Home address as per RAFARS QRV Call Book. See also www.qrz.com.

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

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. The office will be checked at least once weekly for mail & 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, or by letter QThr, International Call Books or see <www.qrz.com>

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