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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4798 CT7ADL PETER

SILENT KEYS.

209 G5PQ DOUG
1475 G8BVJ TONY (RAFARS Past Chairman)
2759 G6NUO STAN

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

4737 G1CAJ was 2E0EZN

RAFARS ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013

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

Full details can also be found on the RAFARS website and was published in the QRV Autumn Journal with booking form and full details. Your details will be required to obtain entry at the Guard Room to attend the AGM.

Please also return the form if you are unable to attend the AGM.

Your AGM Reports for Council Members, Council Posts, Field Reps and Affiliated RAFARS Clubs should have already been received by Mike our Council Admin Secretary for the 2013 AGM.

So far Mike KE2EH Pocono Lake Pennsylvania USA who's QTH is the furthest away will be attending the AGM and AGM Dinner.

A short De-brief of the AGM will appear in the November NL.

Note BST goes back to GMT at 0200hrs Sun 27 October.

SHORT DEBRIEF G8FC/P RSGB SSB FIELD DAY

We made 462 QSOs, with 81 Multipliers, which is an improvement on the past few years. I've just looked at the list of submitted logs to the RSGB so far and short of a disaster with the Adjudicator we could be in the top half. The adjudication is now much more thorough these days because contacts are crossed checked with other EU countries, not just the RSGB as it used to be. Over the next few days I will go through the log looking for obvious errors and missed /P. Once again I would like to thank all members who came to Metheringham to help set up and

man the station throughout the weekend, I believe a good time was had by all, and thanks also goes to Peter, G0NVY who brings a car full of equipment which he stores for RAFARS.

Members involved in no particular order were: Vince, G4DQP; Tom, G4OSB; Keith, M0DZB; Kevin, G6ZRL; Peter, G0NVY and me G3ZDW. We also had the extra assistance of Kevin's son Matthew, someone had to roll on the tent to get the air out before it could be packed away!

Regards Roger, G3ZDW RAFARS Contest Manager

G8FC RADIO ACTIVE.

G8FC DCAE Cosford will be active every Wednesday and Thursday from around 1800hrs (local) on the HF Bands. The station will be operated by Martin G7FTN. It will be good to hear G8FC on our HF Bands again as the station has not been very active over the last few years. If you hear Martin on the HF Bands then please give him a call. He will not have any set Bands but will operate according to Propagation and will try and keep to the RAFARS Frequencies.

Martin has also updated the G8FC page on QRZ.com. This includes a video tour of the HQ shack at Cosford. He has also created a G8FC BLOG. This can be accessed from the home page of our website www.rafars.org or direct at <http://g8fc.wordpress.com/>

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.

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

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	RAFARS Christmas 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
1 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Rally Spennymoor Leisure Centre DL166DB	Mike G0NRK
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 14 Sept Operator G4PSH. Conditions Fair. Number of Stations worked 23, RAFARS Members worked on 7.080 G3LUW GOSDZ G4PFR. Was on 7.155 most of the day but did an hour stunt on 14.055 CW only W0CML UA4HQA HA5FA UY0ZR worked. Lots of Churches on the Air Weekend.

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 06/09/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 24 Members. Call signs are:
2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G1AEU G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO
G3WPP G3XKT.GM4DLG. G7BQM G7GKD G7HPI 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.

Those of you who are involved with ATC Radio will now find an excellent ATC/SCC/ACF Exercise called 'Week Signal' those who are unaware of the Exercise contact terry@g4ph.co.uk who will advise you of contact details in obtaining the Rules and Log details, also see ATC Sept Radio News Flash.

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 and HF National Net Controller 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 and M6PAP

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

News Desk has not been advised of any other AOTA Station as up to the 25th Oct.

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)

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 Lift off 2058Z to/from ISS. Crew change

07 Nov Soyuz ISS37S Manned Spacecraft Lift Off 0408Z 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 ISS Visuals is 16 to 26 Oct

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>

LAST REMINDER RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

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 QRZ Call Book. See also www.qrz.com.

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

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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