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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

109	G1GJD	STEPHEN	4800	2E0GBV	GARY
3424	G3JRY	SELWYN	4801	G8KAP	DAVE
4154	M0CNY	BRIAN	4802	GW1YQM	RICHARD
4376	G4DBR	CHRIS	4803	MW6MFN	AARON
4799	M6DFW	DARREN	4804	MW6CYU	KIERON

SILENT KEYS.

398	G3IYT	ROWLEY
4139	M0BXP	GRAHAM

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

4755 2E0FVL PETER was M6PAP

SHORT DE-BRIEF RAFARS AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER 26 OCT 2013

The AGM was a success with 6 Council members and 20 Members in attendance. The Subscription as from the 1st of April 2014 will be £14 and the Joining fee will remain at £3. The Construction Cup was won by our Chairman Richie G0RHJ and the G2LR Trophy was awarded to the Air Training Corps for all their support to RAFARS in the 75 years celebrations. It is hoped the Cup will be officially presented to HQAC RAFC Cranwell in due course. The 75 years Don Gibbons Trophy was won by G3LUW. A new award was a mounted airman's swagger stick. The first recipient was Mike G7JPN. It is to be awarded annually to the person who, in the opinion of the editor, has given the most input and support to the production of QRV.

Items discussed were the 75th anniversary activities, Affiliated Societies and the HQ shack. Martin G7FTN is using the new radio and computer equipment to put G8FC on the air at least three evenings a week. He has also produced a G8FC blog and updated the G8FC page in QRZ.com. The AGM Dinner was also a success and attended by 30 which included the ladies.

RAF HENLOW RADIO ACTIVE AGAIN.

Roy G0TAK is waiting for Ofcom authorisation to become the licence holder for G3ELV 1214 RAF Henlow ARC and GB4SMH Signals Museum Henlow Permanent Special Station. Normal Operating will be on Tuesdays and the 1st Sat of every month between 1000 and 1600 local. This station will also be on the air for RAFARS AOTA. All QSL Cards via RAFARS Bureau.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013.

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.

3 Nov	Holsworthy Radio Rally	Contact Michael M0MJG
13-27 Nov	Sir Francis Chichester's Voyage GB4FCV (CW only)	Contact M1EDF
24 Nov	Plymouth Radio Club	Contact Michael M0MJG
1 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greetings. (Rules in QRV and QRZ)	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
1 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Rally Spennymoor Leisure Centre DL166DB	Mike G0NRK
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 12 Oct Operator G4PSH. Conditions quite good. 44 Stations worked in all. RAFARS 1100hrs Net Members worked M3ZBK G0SDZ G2AFV. Then QSYd to 7.157 and worked RAFARS G4JCH M0PBK and MW1ARM and a number of R/Sigs members.

at 1400hrs went to CW 14.055 No RAFARS, worked HA7JU RV3PN and SM6VTR.

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 01/10/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 21 Members. Call signs are:

2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO 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.

As a result of a suggestion at the AGM last year, RAFARS Council agreed that ATC Cadets who have an M6 amateur radio licence may join RAFARS Free for one year. In subsequent years, they pay the students' fee providing they continue in full-time education or training.

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 GB4SMH 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 Nov.

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.

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

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 offs 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.

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

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto www.rafars.org. Click Join RAFARS and 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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