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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

1840	SWL	ALBERT	4806	MODOL	CHRIS
4805	GOUWU	MIKE	4807	G4KLE	MERV

SILENT KEYS.

2264 G1OMC BILL

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

NONE THIS MONTH

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS 2013 AND THE NEW YEAR 2014.

From All RAFARS Council Members/Posts and News Desk to all past and present
RAFARS Members including your XYL, OM, YL or Partner.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year with Health , Happiness and Good Fortunes for the year 2014, particularly those of you who may be on Overseas detachment/postings and on Active Service commitments, and to those of you who are Sick or maybe on your own over the holiday period.

RAF HENLOW RADIO ACTIVE AGAIN.

Roy G0TAK is now the licence holder for G3ELV 1214 RAF Henlow ARC and, pending Ofcom approval, GB4SMH Signals Museum Henlow Permanent Special Event 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.

TALKING QRV JOURNAL FOR THE BLIND

Talking QRV, an audio version of our Journal, is available to members who are registered Blind or Partially Sighted has been produced on tapes since Autumn 1994.

However the tapes have become difficult to find at a reasonable price so the audio QRV is now available as an audio (mp3) CD for use with the RNIB DAISY players or an mp3 player. A shorter version is also available as an audio (wave) CD .

If you are registered Blind or Partially Sighted and would like to receive the audio version, please contact G3TQX QTH(R) at georgeg032@hotmail.com

If you know of Members who are Blind or Partially Sighted and are not aware of this service, would you be so kind as to pass this information on to them.

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

Articles, Events, Pictures, Stories, Personal Profiles, Your shack, etc. are required by Bob for the Spring 2014 QRV before January 10th 2014. Without you there will be no QRV Journal.

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

Send jpg photos as an attachment to Word documents. Remember, deadline day for YOUR copy is 10th January 2014.

RAFARS QRZ CALLBOOK.

The next full QRZ will be enclosed with your Spring 2014 QRV package. Please notify Mike, the Gen Sec if your details need updating.

RSGB FIELD DAY G8FC/P

Good News G8FC/P came 7th out of 36 in the Restricted Section. Again a big thanks from Council and Members to G3ZDW Roger (Contest Manager) Vince G4DQP Tom G4OSB Keith M0DZB Keven G6ZRL and Peter G0NVY. With a personnel Thank You to his Crew from Roger.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

04 Feb: 15 Apr: 09 June (Monday after Cosford Air Show): 26 Aug: 04 Oct (AGM) 25 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.

1 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greetings. (Also see News Flash)	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 9 Nov, Operator G4PSH and M0ZAE. Conditions Good. 56 Stations worked in all. On 7.158 and worked RAFARS G8CCK G4NUY 2E0FVL.

At 1400hrs went to CW 14.055 No RAFARS, But a big contest on.

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 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 01/11/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 23 Members. Call signs are:
2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO GM4DLG
G4NUY G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT M0ZAE MW1ARM MW3ULG.
Send 2nd Class Stamped 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 and HF National Net Controller with the ATC.
Also see <www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets>

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).

05 Feb 2014 Soyuz Progress 54P Stores supplied only to/from ISS
22 Feb Falcon9 SpaceX Manned NASA Private CRS3 Dragon Module to/from ISS
26 Mar Soyuz ISS38S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS. Crew changes
09 Apr Soyuz Progress 55P Stores supplies only to/from ISS
28 May Soyuz ISS39S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS Crew changes

06 Jun Falcon9 SpaceX Manned NASA Private CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS

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
16 to 26 Dec 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>](http://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>](http://www.qrz.com)

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