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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4256 G4VPT DON	4810 M6POA JON
4809 G6LXE TERRY	4811 G8GML PAUL
4808 MW0HSM 2364(WELSHPOOL) SQN ATC	

SILENT KEYS.

422 G3AAO HARRY
2223 GI3CKF GEOFFREY
4677 G3AGA DAVEY

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1st APRIL 2014

For the first time in 14 years your subscription is being increased by £3.00 to £14.00 which is well below the aggregated rate of inflation. Payments by cash, cheques or postal orders are always acceptable, but we would prefer you to use the Standing Order Form that was included with your Autumn QRV. Please complete it as soon as you can and send it to the General Secretary for him to add your reference details and post it to your bank for payment.

If you are already paying by Standing Order, you may ask your bank to alter the value. If you prefer to initiate a new Standing Order using on-line banking, please contact the Treasurer or General Secretary for details. Their e-mail addresses can be found on the RAFARS website at <http://www.rafars.org/content/Correspondence.html>

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.

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.

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 2014.

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 Dec, Operator G4PSH. Conditions Good. 45 Stations worked in all. On 7.158 and 7.085 1100hrs Net worked RAFARS G0SDZ G2AFV G4HIY G0PFR.

At 1400hrs went to CW 14.055 No RAFARS, Wkd RW3YB UA3DUZ OM3CAZ and DL2LFH . 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 19/12/2013 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 22 Members. Call signs are: 2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ GW0PDB G0PFH G0WOI G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO GM4DLG G4NUY G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT 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. 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 2014.

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

GB2RAF GB2HAM GB2VQJ GB2CWP GB0SMA GB2LGR G1ASR GB1RAF GB4SMH and 2E0FVL

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 Dec.

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

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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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Also see Website for RAFARS Facebook, Yahoo Group and the New G8FC Blog.

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