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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

NONE THIS MONTH

SILENT KEYS.

916 G4AKT SAM

CALL SIGN CHANGES.

4794 M6DTU MICK was MKWQ2 (Marine)

AOTA AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR SAT 29 MARCH TO 6 APRIL 2014

RAFARS are putting on another AOTA SES similar to 1st April last year. The dates are Sat 29 Mar to Sun 6 April Sunday 30 Mar being the main day. The ATC have also been invited to take part. All RAFARS and ATC Organisations/Members are asked to try and put a SES on the air from any RAF Establishment. To make the SES official inform Vince AOTA Manager G4DQP <earlval@postmaster.co.uk> so as he can put you on the list. In this way, Stations calling an SES registered with AOTA will be able to obtain points for a certificate.

As this is short notice it may be difficult to obtain a SES Call sign from Ofcom but one can always use

Do not forget that Station Managers are responsible for SES QSL Cards and advise stations worked your QSL Card method also inform Stations you work if you are not going to produce a QSL Card. For more information if required contact Vince G4DQP with your SES Details. Also see www.rafars.org Under RAF Airfields on the Air for Rules and latest list

LIST OF AOTA RECEIVED AT NEWS DESK AND AOTA WEBSITE (Up to 25th February).

Dates	Callsign	Name/Location	Bands	Contact/Name call-sign
30 Mar	G3RAF/P	RAF Cranwell	80/40	Roger G3ZDW
30 Mar	G8FC	RAF Cosford	80/40/20	Mike G3VAO
1 Apr	GB4SMH	RAF Henlow	80/40/2	Roy G0TAK
1 Apr	GB2RAF	RAF Neatishead	80/40	Terry G4PSH
5/6 Apr	GB6RAF	RAF Rednal Staffs	80/40 2	ATC Richard GW1YQM
5/6 Apr	GB1BN	MOD Boscombe Down	80/40 20	ATC Rob M0GKG
5/6 Apr	GB4STB	RAF Stanbridge	80-20/2	ATC Mark M0HBQ

News Desk will endeavourer to send a News Flash out with the latest list of AOTA around the 27 of March

FINAL REMINDER RAFARS SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM APRIL 1st 2014.

Reported last month, the annual subscription increases to £14.00 from April 1st. A Standing Order form was included with the Spring QRV for those members who had not yet returned the form that was included with the Autumn QRV. Cheques and postal orders are still acceptable and the usual Subs Form will also be included with QRV.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

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 QRV JOURNAL.

Without YOU there will be no QRV Journal. Articles, Events, Pictures, Stories, Personal Profiles, Your shack, etc. are required by our editor, Bob GM4DLG. Send jpg photos as a separate attachment to Word documents.

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

By now all paid up members should have received the Spring QRV and QRZ 2014 . The next deadline for articles for the Autumn QRV Journal is the 30 June 2014

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2014.

28 Mar to 6 April	AOTA Main day Sun 30 th	Contact Vince G4DQP email earlval@postmaster.co.uk
7/8 Jun	CW NFD RSGB Metheringham, Lincs. (Operators needed)	Contact Roger G3ZDW
13 Jul	McMichael Radio Rally Car Boot Sale Reading RG4 6ST	Contact David G3RZF
1 to 28 Aug	GB4BTF Bridge to Far 70 th Anniversary. Combined Service.	Contact Mike G0NRK
4 Sep	RAFARS Rolling 3 CW	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
6/7 Sep	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 8 Feb 2014, Operators G4PSH.M0ZAE Conditions Good. 49 Stations worked in all. On 7.077 and 7.155.RAFARS worked G4AYD G4PFR G0SDZ G3HWQ G2AFV G4HIY G4SMD and SES RM22OZ Winter Olympics Sochi Russia on 14.149.

At 1400hrs went to CW 14.055 Nothing heard. PACC Contest in operation on all bands and modes.

At 1425 we went to 7.160 WAB Net and worked 15 Stations requiring GB2RAF WAB Square GB2RAF will be Operational for AOTA on Tues 1 April and on 12 Apr 1000 to 1600hrs.

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).

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.

Any RAFARS Member with a Full Licence can operate the station but first contact Terry G4PSH to clear it with HQRAFARS and the Museum Manager

QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QTHr and see qrz.com

GB2RAF will be taking part in Museums on the Air on the 14 June 2014 1000-1600hrs

SIGNALS MUSEUM RAF HENLOW GB4SMH RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S

De-Brief for GB4SMH Feb 2014 as up to the 25th Feb No report received .

The RAF Signals Museum at RAF Henlow is open to the public on the first Saturday of the month. or on Tuesdays by advance booking (Telephone 01462 851515 ext 7997 and leave your name and a contact number for someone to return your call).

The Museum seeks to tell the story of communications in the RAF and the part that RAF Henlow played in that field.

The museum is located within a military base and for entry, you are required to provide photographic-ID either in the form of a passport, a driving licence or over-60 bus pass, before being issued with a visitor pass to enter. Entry to the museum is free. See www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk. QSLs via RAFARS Bureau. Contact Roy 2E1RAF QThr or by email r-walker24@sky.com for further information.

GB4SMH will be operational for Museums on the Air in June 2014

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 18/02/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 22 Members. Call signs are:

2E0LSR G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ GW0LIS GW0PDB G0WOI G3MWN G3RLO G3TQX G3VAO GM4DLG
G4NUY G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8GML M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT MW1ARM MW3ULG M3XKB

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

AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2014 WITH POST CODES.

(Phone before you go)

04 May	Abingdon Air and Country Show Oxon OX13 6JG
24 May	Llandudno Air Show N Wales LL30---
24-25 May	Duxford D Day Anniversary Air Show Cambs CB2 4QR
30 May-01 Jun	Sywell AeroExpro Northants NN6 0BT.
8 Jun	RAF Cosford Air Show 2014 TF11 8UP

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).

Latest ISS News from NASA.

With the International Space Station no longer under construction, the world's most advanced orbital laboratory is open for business. The station has just received a 10-year extension from NASA, giving researchers the time they need to take full advantage of its unique capabilities. 16 Mar Falcon9 L/O 0841Z SpaceX NASA Manned Private CRS3 Dragon Module to/from ISS

25 Mar Soyuz ISS38S L/O 2116Z 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 NASA Manned Private CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS
24 Jul Soyuz 56P Not Manned Stores supplies only to/from ISS
12 Sep Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Manned Private CRS5 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.
Visual Passes this Month please contact News Desk for dates and times.

Also see under ISS Data on RAFARS Website with NASA TV Links

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, are invited to apply for RAFARS Membership provided that you have an interest in aviation.

If your Application is 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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