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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

1666 G8ZGK RAF HALTON R.S.
4507 G4TGN BRIAN
4813 SWL DAVID
4814 G3YYT BRIAN
4815 GW00ZY COLIN
4816 G3LAS JOHN

SILENT KEYS.

1570 G4KLZ LEWIS
1872 G3MND BRYAN
1875 G4WRU MICHAEL
3502 VK2GOY PADDY
3608 G7PJJ BILL
3943 G0WDL RICHARD

CALL SIGN CHANGES

4736 M0NJC NICK was MM0NJC
4800 M0HOB GARY was 2E0GBV

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

LIST OF AOTA RECEIVED AT NEWS DESK (Up to the 25th March).

Dates	Callsign	Name/Location	Bands	Contact/Name call-sign
30 Mar	G3RAF/P	RAFC Cranwell	80/40	Roger G3ZDW
30 Mar	G8FC	RAF Cosford PENDING	80/40/20	G3VAO not available
30 Mar	GB1CW	RAFC Cranwell	80/40	ATC David M0ZZT
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
29 to 6 Apr	GB0HN	RAF Halton	80-20	ATC Malcolm G7VRT
29 to 6 Apr	G0IAN/P?	Hereford ATC Sqn	80-20	ATC Ian G0IAN
29 to 6 Apr	GB2LAF	RAF Langham	80-20	n/k

RAFARS QRZ OMMISIONS FROM THE 2014 CALL BOOK

Since the publication of the 2014 RAFARS Call Book, it has been brought to my attention that 5 members have been inadvertently omitted. The members in question are:

GD0HYM	Mike	2553
GW1YQM	Richard	4802
GW3CR	Ray	3741
GM4JTA	Baden	1988
GM4XHH	Bob	4781

Gentlemen, please accept my sincere apologies for this oversight.

Duncan Peters, G0NWX
RAFARS Call Book Editor

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.

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.

29 Mar to 6 April See AOTA See Paragraph above with all details.

6 Apr	Northern AR Exhibition Blackpool Norbeck Castle FY2 9AA	Contact Mike G7JPN
13 Apr	West London Radio Rally Kempton Park TW16 5AQ	Contact Marin G4SOH
7/8 Jun	CW NFD RSGB Metheringham, Lincs. (CW 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 March 2014, Operator G4PSH. Conditions Good. 19 Stations worked in all. On 7.080 and 7.155+/- . RAFARS worked G4AYD G4PFR G2AFV M3ZKB and M5AIB.

At 1400hrs went to CW 14.055 and worked a KD3CA (not RAFARS),

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 March 2014 as up to the 25th March 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 02/03/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 22 Members. Call signs are:

G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ G0HN GW0PDB G3MWN G3RLO G3VAO GM4DLG G4EBY G4NUY G7BQM
G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8GML M0KIT M0MRW M0VZT MW1ARM MW3ULG M3ZKB

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.
07/08 Jun	Folkstone Kent Air Show CT20 2EB
8 Jun	RAF Cosford Air Show 2014 TF11 8UP
8 Jun	Welshpool Airport Powys Air Show SY21 8SG

RAFARS NETS AND CONTESTS.

All RAFARS Nets can be found on the back page cover of the QRZ 2014 Call Book.

RAFARS Contests and Rules can also be found in QRZ 2014 Call Book pages 45 to 53

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

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 the next Visual Passes this Month are the 10 to 19 Apr 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, no need to be 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, please 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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