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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4498	G0PFH	GEOFF	4819	M3ZJG	PETER
4501	G7HPI	COLIN	4820	M6PPT	GARRY
4817	M6EFS	PHIL	4821	M0MRH	RON
4818	MI1AIB	PAUL			

Correction to Apr NL191 4815 GW0OZY to read 2W0OZY

SILENT KEYS.

NONE THIS MONTH

CALL SIGN CHANGES

1666	G1RAF	RAF HALTON ARS was G8ZGK
4777	MW0TBP	TONY was 2W0GIB
4794	2E0CYR	MICK was M6DTU

RAF HALTON RAFARS/ATC AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (G1RAF)

RAF Halton ARS is operational again after so many years for ATC/RAFARS activities. The Society is using the same call-sign, G1RAF, as used in the 70s. This call-sign was transferred back to Halton courtesy of our Gen. Sec. Mike, G7JPN, who held it as a RAFARS club call.

AOTA DEBRIEF (The following de-brief received at News Desk).

From G3RAF/P and GB1CW. Thank you to the RAFARS Field Day team for a successful RAFARS Activity Day. We were kept busy with plenty of stations to work, which was good. The WX was perfect, nice and warm, much better than last year's cold east wind.

Without the support and assistance of the team it would never have happen, I know it takes a lot of hard work setting up and dismantling. We are indeed fortunate in having such a good location RF wise, plus the fact it was the original site of G8FC back in 1938, this we have to thank David M0ZZT and the Air Training Corp. **Report BY Roger G3ZDW.**

From GB2RAF 1ST Apr 2014 Total RAFARS worked 6 on the 1100hrs Net and at 1201A we worked Martin at G8RAF and G8FC at DCAE Cosford (QSL Cards already exchanged). Also on the net was GB6RAF RAF Rednal Richard so we had an AOTA Net till 1230A. Number of stations worked 34. RAFARS worked G4AYD, G0PFR, G3HWQ, G3LUW G0SDZ M3ZKB G3REN, G8QZ 2E0FVL G8FC/G8RAF GB6RAF and an OS0C Belgian Air Force ARS. **Report by Terry G4PSH.**

GB6RAF was very successful working on 7 14 21 24 28 MHz Portable battery. Stations worked included the Falklands, the USA and many stations in the UK on 7 MHz. Well done the air cadets of Welshpool Sqn and to Richard GW1YQM who put the Station on the air from RAF Rednal.

Report by Richard GW1AYM.

GB0HN RAF Halton quite a number of stations worked and we managed to obtain a Bronze AOTA Certificate. **Report by Malcolm G7VRT.**

No other reports received at News Desk. Approximately 20 Stations took part in AOTA this year with a number which did not register on the RAFARS AOTA Website. Well done to all those who put an AOTA SES on the air in particular to the Air Training Corps.

RAFC Cranwell HQAC has now received the G2LR Trophy awarded to them for participation in RAFARS AOTA Week in 2013.

CHELSEA PENSIONERS INTRODUCED TO AMATEUR RADIO BY RAFARS

Richie G0RHJ, our Chairman, and FS Kev Staley G0PWR, the Marketing Manager, have been helping the pensioners at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea (RHC) to establish their own Amateur Radio Club. RAFARS members, particularly RAFARS 1982 Ted Broughton G4LZK, have donated equipment to establish a Radio Shack for Amateurs and SWLs. Other pensioners are already studying to obtain their Amateur Radio Licences.

RAFARS Council was invited to the RHC to view the finished work and took the opportunity to hold the April Council meeting there. The British Forces Broadcasting Services (BFBS) has interviewed Richie G0RHJ about the project.

To see a photograph of your Council with the pensioners, and to listen to Richie's radio interview please visit the link at http://web202.ssvc.com/radio/

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

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.

04 May The Dambusters Rally Thorp Camp LN4 4PE. Some RAFARS Members may be attending.

07/08 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
28 Jul	GB8AF Armed Forces Day Combined Forces. Help required contact	Selwyn G3JRY
01-28 Aug	GB4BTF Bridge to Far 70th Anniversary. Combined Service.	Contact Mike G0NRK
04 Sep	RAFARS Rolling 3 CW	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
06/07 Sep	SSB NFD RSGB Venue: Metheringham, Lincs.	Contact Roger G3ZDW
26/27 Sep	National RSGB Hamfest Newark NG24 2NY . RAFARS Stand	Contact Peter G0NVY
04 Oct	RAFARS AGM at No.1 Radio School and Dinner at the Ramada Hotel, Telford.	
01 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Rally Spennymoor Leisure Centre DL166DB	Mike G0NRK
07 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 1 Apr 2014 Operator G4PSH See AOTA De-brief above.
De Brief 12 Apr Operator M0ZAE 45 Stations worked. RAFARS Members worked G4PSH G0SDZ M3ZKB and SES GB2RN.Contacts all on 7.080 though out the day. Conditions good.
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 April 2014 as up to the 25th April 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 20/04/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 23 Members. Call signs are:
G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ G0HN GW0PDB G3MWN G3RLO G3VAO GM4DLG G4EBY G4NUY G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8GML M0HBQ/GB4STB 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.

See AOTA De-Brief page 1.
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
08 Jun	RAF Cosford Air Show 2014 TF11 8UP
08 Jun	Welshpool Airport Powys Air Show SY21 8SG
14 June	Queen's Birthday Flypast The Mall London
21-22 Jun	CANCELLED Manston Air Show Kent
21-22 Jun	Western Supper Mare Air Day Somerset BS23 1AL

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

28 May Soyuz ISS39S Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS Crew changes

24 Jul Soyuz 56P Not Manned Stores supplies only to/from ISS

08 Aug Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Manned Private CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS

25 Sep Soyuz ISS40S Manned Spacecraft 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 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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