

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4540 MI0MSR MELVYN  
4824 2E1TAF DAVE

SILENT KEYS.

NONE THIS MONTH

CALL SIGN CHANGES

4799 2E0ZDW DARREN was M6DFW

## DE-BRIEF RSGB CW NFD 7-8 JUNE 2014.

Once again a big thank you to Roger G3ZDW, our Contest Manager, for organising and putting G8FC/P on the air. It was good to have a new operator this year - Selwyn, G3JRY. The usual squad present were Vince, G4DQP; Tom, G4OSB and myself. In addition we had Peter, G0NVY; Brigette, G1CAJ; Paul, M6CAJ who helped out with the setting up and dismantling.

Number of contacts made 387. Number of points 1687. We now await the results from the RSGB.

## FALKLANDS EXPEDITION FROM THE 6th DECEMBER 2014.

To remember the WW1 Battle of the Falklands on the 8th December, Serving RAFARS Members will be active on the air from Mount Pleasant Air Base using VP8RAF. The on air schedule will be confirmed later in the year. Bob VP8LP will be putting on a SES during this time with RAFARS participation. Other tasks planned will be the overhaul and maintenance of the Amateur Radio Welfare Facility at MPA. We encourage all RAFARS members to give this expedition their full support and we will look forward to working as many members on the air as possible. More details will be released in due course.

**Report by Martin G7FTN.**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.

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.**

The Spring 2015 QRV is now in the starting frame. Without YOU there will be no QRV so please send Your Stories, Articles, Events, Pictures, Personal Profiles, Your Shack, Letters, etc. that are required by our editor, Bob GM4DLG. Please send jpg photos as a separate attachment to Word documents.

Bob's email address is [robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk). Home address as per RAFARS QRZ Call Book. See also [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).

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

02 Jul	GB0RAF RAF Deerbolt Memorial Day 0900-1200hrs	Contact Mike G0NRK
13 Jul	McMichael Radio Rally Car Boot Sale Reading RG4 6ST	Contact David G3RZF
25-27 Jul	GB2VET Veterans Weekend at East Park Hull HU8 8JU	Contact Bernard G0SWO
01-28 Aug	GB4BTF Bridge to Far 70 <sup>th</sup> 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
14-22 Sep	PA70XXX Corps memorial to relieve Paratroopers at Arnham 1944.	Contact G0NRK
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.	
12 Oct	Hornsea Radio Rally Foral Hall E York's HU18 1NQ	Contact Bernard G0SWO
01 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Rally Spennymoor Leisure Centre DL166DB	Contact G0NRK
07 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting (Rules in QRV and QRZ)	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
8 Dec plus	VK8RAF WW1 Battle of the Falklands from RAF Mount Pleasant	Contact Martin G7FTN

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 June 2014 Operators G4PSH/M0ZAE/G7BQM .

Number of stations worked 89 on 7.155 we could not go on 7.088 or the 14.055 at 1400Z CW . due to SSB pile-ups with Museums on the air Weekend. RAFARS Worked G3FKI G0SWO GW1YQM M6DWE G3XKT G0SYF. Worked 9 Museums (We already hold MOTA Certificates).

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

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

De-Brief for June MOTA GB4SMH worked 86 Stations in the four days with 32 Museums worked. Equipment was TS570D coupled to a linier at 300w. 40M dipole at 40ft . Most of the operating was done by Bob M3DPQ (not RAFARS)

QSL via RAFARS Bureau.

If you wish to operate the Station or obtain further information contact Roy 2E0RAF, e-mail [g0tak.walker@btinternet.com](mailto:g0tak.walker@btinternet.com). The Museum website is [www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk](http://www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk)

## **RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.**

As of 20/06/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 24 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  
M6GB0.

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](mailto: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](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets)

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

### **(Phone before you go)**

5/6 July	RAF Waddington International Air Show LN5 9NB
11-13 Jul	RAF Fairford Glos Royal International Air Tattoo GL7 4EG
12-13 Jul	Duxford Flying Legends Air Show CB2 4QR
14-20 Jul	Farnborough International Air Show GU14 6AZ
26 Jul	RNAS Yeovilton International Air Day BA22 8HT
26 Jul	Duxford Spitfires, Merlins and Motors CB2 4QR
26/27 Jul	Sunderland International Air Show Tyne and Wear SR6 8AB
26/27 Jul	The Norfolk Air Show (small venue) Old Buckingham NR17 1PU
31 Jul	RNAS Culdrose Air Day Cornwall TR12 7RH
02 Aug	East Kirkby Linc's Air Show PE23 4DE
07-10 Aug	Ashton Court Bristol International Balloon Fiesta BS83TQ
10-11 Aug	Blackpool Sea Front Air Show FY1 4BJ
14-17	Eastbourne Airbourne Air Show BN23 6NS
17 Aug	Sywell Air Show NN60BT
20 Aug	Weymouth Dorset Air Show & Carnival DT4 7AN
21-22 Aug	Clacton on Sea Air Show CO15 1LD
23 Aug	Dawlish Air Show EX7 0BS
28-31 Aug	Bournemouth Dorset Air Festival BH1 3AD
30-31 Aug	Rhys Air Show North Wales LL18 3YP
30-31 Aug	Shoreham Air Show (RAFA) BN43 5FF

## **VISITS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

### **(CITY IN THE SKY).**

23 Jul	Soyuz 56P	Lift Off 2144Z	Not Manned.	Stores supplies only to/from ISS
08 Aug+	Falcon9	SpaceX	NASA Manned Private	CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS. was delayed
25 Sep	Soyuz 40S	Manned	Spacecraft	to/from ISS.
03 Oct	Falcon9	SpaceX	NASA Manned Private	CRS5 Dragon Module to/from ISS
29 Oct	Soyuz 57P	Not Manned	Stores supplies only	to/from ISS.
23 Nov	Soyuz 41S	Manned	Space craft	to/from the ISS.
05 Dec	Falcon9	SpaceX	NASA Manned Private	CR6 Dragon Module to/from ISS

Notes All missions are subject to last minute delays.

All Russian Soyuz lift offs are from Baikonur Cosmodrome, in Kazakhstan.

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. Next sightings 6th to 16 Aug.

See also 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](mailto: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](mailto:terry@g4psh.co.uk), or by letter QThr, International Call Books or see [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)

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