

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

4458 G0OKD RUSSELL  
4825 SWL JAMES  
4826 M6AIQ BARRY  
4827 MW3VJN TRISTAN

SILENT KEYS.

2250 G0FDU RAY

CALL SIGN CHANGES

NONE THIS MONTH

## 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.

## KE2EH RAFARS 3522 USA SPECIAL EVENT STATION.

Sunday Sept 14 2014. The S.E.S will operate under my home call KE2EH from Pocono Lake in NE Pennsylvania, USA.

Operating period will be from 0001Z to 2359Z , on the 14th ,using both SSB and CW.

I will not be operating continuously for the 24hr period. Best times will be 0930Z to 2359Z.

Frequencies:- 7026 KHz, CW : 7145 KHz SSB plus or minus 20 KHz

14055 KHz, CW : 14285 KHz, SSB plus or minus 20 KHz

Equipment is ICOM 7200 @ 125W or Kenwood TS440S @ 100W with 90ft multiband antenna.

All contacts will be recognised with a QSL card via ARRL Bureau ..

This S.E.S is to commemorate the 74th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, June-Sept 1940

**Regards and 73, Mike KE2EH.**

## RAFARS AGM No1 Radio School RAF Cosford Saturday 4 Oct 2014.

Once again the RAFARS AGM will be held at No.1 Radio School RAF Cosford on 4 Oct 2014.

The AGM Dinner will be held at the Ramada Hotel – was Grays - Telford TF3 4NA. If you wish to have B&B at the hotel, please telephone 01952425000 and quote RAFARS.

The Event Time-Table, Dinner Menu, Booking Forms and other information will be in enclosed with your autumn QRV Journal. Apologies for Absence – please return the form to Mike, our Gen. Sec. or send him an e-mail. On the day, please use 144.725 FM for Contacts.

## **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.**

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 Sep	KE2EH SES Battle of Britain Jun-Sep 1940 (see above para)	Contact Mike KE2EH
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	VP8RAF WW1 Battle of the Falklands from RAF Mount Pleasant	Contact Martin G7FTN

All Contest Volunteers/Queries and Contest log sheets to Roger G3ZDW QTHr

## **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**

## **AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM, RAF NEATISHEAD GB2RAF RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S.**

De Brief for 12 July 2014 Operators G4PSH

Number of stations worked 43 on 7.080 and 7.150 RAFARS worked MW3ZKB G4HIY GOSDZ G6CJR/P M0RBI G3DHY GB2IWM GB3RS. A contest started at 1200Z all bands. CQ DX on 14.055 CW at 1400Z no replies received.

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](http://qrz.com)

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

Correction to De-Brief for June MOTA GB4SMH worked 386 Stations in the four days not 86 as quoted in the Jul NL194. No report received for Jul.  
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 20/07/2014 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 27 Members. Call signs are:  
G0BXL G0EBK G0ECJ G0HN GW0PDB G3FKI G3MWN G3RLO G3VAO GM4DLG G4EBY G4NUY  
G7BQM G7CLY G7GKD G7HPI G8GML M0HBQ/GB4STB MW0HJM M0KIT M0MRW MOVZT  
MW1ARM MW3ULG M3ZKB M6DWE M6GBO.

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)**

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
6-7 Sep	Southend on Sea Air Show Military Festival SS1 1AB
6-7 Sep	West Bay Portrush NI International Air Show
11 Sep	Jersey CI International Air Display
11 Sep	Guernsey CI Battle of Britain Air Show
13-14 Sep	Duxford Air Show Cambridgeshire CB2 4QR
20-21 Sep	Southport Merseyside Air Show PR8 1SB

This concludes the major Air Shows for 2014

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

12 Sep+ Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Manned Private CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS. (was 8 Aug)  
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 Spacecraft 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 providing 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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