

# ROYAL AIR FORCE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS.**

NEW AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

None this month

SILENT KEYS.

G3JJZ David RAFARS 299

CALL SIGN CHANGES

None this month

## **RAFARS HF NET CONTROLLERS.**

Quite a number of members have been in contact with News Desk regarding G3HWQ Jack and G2AFV Peter not been heard on the RAFARS Nets recently. Jack had a couple of falls and was unable to get up stairs to his shack, but he was on the net for a few minutes last Fri 22 Aug. Peter was in Hospital a few months ago with blood pressure problems, but I believe he is now in a Care Home, but his family have asked us not to contact Peter direct, but to go via the family as Peter is getting rather forgetful. The Nets are still in full swing with Members taking over as Controllers. Normally News desk do not insert Members who are Sick, but due to so many Members enquiring I thought it apt to inform all and of course Jack and Peter are our two main HF Net Controllers and are very well known.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014.**

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 14 Sept 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, use 144.725 FM for RAFARS Contacts.

## **RSGB CW NFD RESULTS 2014.**

The RSGB published the results of this years NFD today. We came 23rd out of an entry of 25 in the Restricted Section, one better than last year. Would you believe it we had the same number of contacts after adjudication as last year 341! We had a drop in the number of lost contacts which is good. Roger G3ZDW RAFARS Contest Manager.

## **SSB OPERATORS URGENTLY REQUIRED.**

06/07 Sep RSGB SSB Field Day. Venue: Metheringham, Lincs.

If you are able to help, please contact Roger G3ZDW, RAFARS Contest Manager, for details.

Email [g3zdw@btinternet.com](mailto:g3zdw@btinternet.com).

## **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.**

04 Sep	RAFARS Rolling 3 CW	Logs to Roger G3ZDW
06/07 Sep	SSB NFD RSGB Venue: Metheringham, Lincs.	Contact Roger G3ZDW
13 Sep	GB4SMH Churches on the Air. Ex RC Church now Radio Shack	Contact Roy 2E0RAF
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 9 Aug 2014 Operator G4PSH, M0ZAE.

Number of stations worked 59 on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked MW3ZKB G0SDZ M6PPT and 2W0OZY. 14.055 CW only IT9 and a OH5 worked not RAFARS..

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 Aug, no report received.

13 Sept GB4SMH will be on the air representing Churches on the Air Day. The Radio Museum is now in the QTH where the Station RC Church used to be, so it is quite apt to put this station on the air.

QSL cards for GB4SMH via the 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 20/08/2014 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 M0VZT 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.

If your call sign appears above and you are a RSGB QSL Bureau Member with SAE at the RSGB

and you have no SAE with RAFARS Bureau, advise Andrew to send your cards to the RSGB bureau or if you do not want any QSL Cards please inform Andrew and authorise him to Bin them by letter, Phone or email him <[andrewhumpriss@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:andrewhumpriss@tinyworld.co.uk)>

## **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)**

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 Guemsey 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).**

19 Sep Falcon9 SpaceX at 0638Z. NASA Manned Private CRS4 Dragon Module to/from ISS  
25 Sep Soyuz 40S at 2024Z Manned Spacecraft to/from ISS.  
03 Oct Falcon9 SpaceX NASA Manned Private CRS5 Dragon Module to/from ISS  
28 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, in particular Falcon9 SpaceX could be delayed by weeks or even months.

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.

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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