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MEMBRSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

2019	GM1AYT	John
4839	M6EAL	230 (Congleton) Sqn ATC
4840	SWL	1333 (Grangemouth Spitfire) Sqn ATC

RAFARS Silent Keys

Correction – 3130 G8BMO (Not G8MBO) Hubert

Call-sign Changes:
None this month.

AOTA. AIR FIELDS ON THE AIR SUN 29 MARCH 2015.

AOTA Primary Date this year is going to be Sun 29 March but Stations can be operational as many days as they wish. If you intend to put a Station on the air please advise News Desk before the 25th of March so as it appears in the April News Letter which should be out by March 28th. This way I will not require to send an AOTA News Flash out.

DATE/S	CALL-SIGN.	STATION.	MANAGERS.
28 Mar to 3 Apr	G3RAF/P	RAF Cranwell	G3ZDW
28/29 Mar	GB2AIR	RAF Doncaster CW/SSB	G4WZI
29 Mar	GB0WY	RAF Wyton	ATC
20 to 29 Mar	GB6RAF	RAF Hawarden	ATC
30 Mar to 26 Apr	TBA	RAF Rednal	ATC
28/29 Mar	GB4AOA	RAF Haldon	Riviera ARC
28/29 Mar	TBA	RAF Kinloss	MM0XDB
11 Apr	GB2RAF	RAF Neatishead	G4PSH
4/5 Apr	G8JUT	RAF Filton	MX0NBC

Do not forget that Station Managers are responsible for QSL Cards.
If more information is required contact AOTA Manager G4DQP comms756@btinternet.com
full details are also on RAFARS Website www.rafars.org under RAF Airfields on the Air.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015.

Next meeting is: 14th April 2015

Any member may attend Council meetings but travel costs cannot be paid. Members wishing to attend (and applying by snail mail) must contact Vince G4DQP Gen. Sec, one month before the due date or two weeks by e-mail.

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

Without YOU there will be no QRV so please send Your Stories, Articles, Events, Pictures, Personal Profiles, Your Shack, Letters, etc. to 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.
Home address as per RAFARS QRZ Call Book. See also www.qrz.com.

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2015.

29 Mar 15	**AOTA**	RAFARS	See above, the AOTA column.
May GB70VE	HMS Belfast London	RNARS	VE Day
6/7 June 15	NFD CW	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
Aug GB70VJ	HMS Belfast London	RNARS	VJ Day
03 Sept 15	Rolling 3 CW	RAFARS	
5/6 Sept 15	SSB Field Day	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
24 Oct 15	**RAFARS AGM**	**RAF Cosford.**	**Date for your diary**
06 Dec 15	Christmas Contest	RAFARS	
10 Jan 16	AFS CW	RSGB	
16 Jan 16	AFS SSB	RSGB	

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 Feb 2015 Operator G4PSH M0ZAE.

Number of stations worked 31 mainly on 7.080 and 7.155. RAFARS worked G4AYD G1LKJ GM3JIJ MW3ZKB G7BQM F5VID G4PFR G8QZ and SES GB2CAV . On 21Mhz RNARS HZ1PS W1USN
Conditions good all round. PA Stations had a contest from 1200hrs.
On 14.055 CW 1400UTC, No RAFARS stations heard, only worked DL8NBG (not RAFARS)
GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month.
Primary frequencies CW 7015 and SSB 7.080 or 7.155 MHz. If 40m is down we will be on 80m.
At 1400Z GB2RAF will give out some calls on 14.055 CW for RAFARS DX (if G4PSH is operating).
GB2RAF is for RAFARS Members to operate whenever you wish. 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 our New Museum Manager Beth.
QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QTHr and see qrz.com under GB2RAF.

G8FC RAFARS HQ STATION.

The station has not been active this period due to work commitments and a faulty rotator.

GB0RAF has been allocated to Martin G7FTN to operate in the run up and during the 2015 RAF Cosford Airshow.

If G8FC is activated it will be announced on our official social media channels on the day.

RAFARS Social Media Channels:
www.twitter.com/g8fc
www.facebook.com/g8fc

Station video reports of any activity are posted at the end of a week if G8FC has been on the air. Station reports can be found on YouTube by searching for G8FC.

NEW RULES RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 20/02/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 6 Members. Call signs are:

GI0MXT, G1LKJ, G4DBS, G4VPT, M6GBO and MI1AIB.

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew M3NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, 44, Bishops Close, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire. CV37 9ED. or inform Andrew by Phone, Letter or email what you wish him to do with the cards. **If nothing is heard your QSL Card/s will be destroyed after 6 months of being received and your call sign removed from the NLs.** If you are in contact with any of the above , please advise them to contact Andrew with a SSAE to the RAFARS QSL Bureau. Andrew email address is<andrewhumphriss@tinyworld.co.uk>

RAF HALTON RADIO SOCIETY G1RAF RAFARS 1666.

If anyone is interested in joining RAF Halton RS then contact Malcolm G7VRT QTHr or Derf G8ZGK Chairman QTHr in RAFARS Call book and on qrz.com The Clubs email address is RAFHaltonRS@outlook.com also see G1RAF on qrz.com.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

Any information relating to the ATC or those interested in joining the ATC as Officers, NCOs or Civilian Instructors, please contact HQAC Amateur Radio Society e-mail amateurradio@aircadets.org
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

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

De-brief for Feb 2015, No report received.
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. The Museum website is www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk

AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2015 WITH POST CODES.

(Phone before you go)

03 May	Abingdon Air & Country Show	OX13 6JG
23 May	Llandudno Air Show N Wales	LL30 ---
23/24 May	Duxford VE Day Anniversary Air Show	CB2 4QR

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 Membership Secretary G7JPN, HQ RAFARS, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Mike G7JPN at rafars.member.sec@gmail.com My email inbox will be checked at least once weekly for Membership 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 Members 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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