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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS.**

Correction to NL203 April 2015 under AOTA List call-sign M0MRH should read G0MRH (not RAFARS)

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

2255 G4XKH	Steph
2507 GM0AEG	David
4843 G7FEQ	Basil
4844 G8UED	Bob
4845 G1SLN	Iain

RAFARS Silent Keys:

**2860 G2AFV Peter. Peter was the RAFARS HF Net Controller for many years.**

1293 G3GGL	Graeme
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Call-sign Changes:

None this month

## **GB70LV YORKSHIRE AIR MUSEUM 8 9 10 MAY 2015.**

GB70LV (La Victoire) will be operating from the Yorkshire Air Museum on the 8, 9 and 10th May to commemorate 70 years victory in Europe. QSL Cards only direct with a SAE Envelope or via the Services QSL Bureau. WW2 radio equipment will be in use on 80,60,40,20, and 17 metre bands on CW, AM and SSB. Operating times will be 0900 to 1600GMT.

Further information from Ken G4KCF RAFARS 4630 QThr or email <[s2sand.aol.com](mailto:s2sand.aol.com)>

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015.**

Next meeting is: **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 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.**

By now all paid up members should have received their copy of the Spring 2015 QRV Journal.

QRV requires content from you the membership. Have a think over the summer and why not pen an article? The membership would no doubt enjoy reading about your experiences in Amateur Radio and if you can dig out some photos than that would be excellent. Contact RAFARS by phone, email or even write a letter!

Without your submissions QRV will not have enough content to keep it interesting.

Please continue to 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](mailto:robert@rbower.orangehome.co.uk).

Home address as per RAFARS QRZ Call Book. See also [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).

Also see April RSGB RadCom Front cover and pages 36 and 37 re VP8RAF/100.

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

May to 15 June	OV70VE	70 Years of VE Day	OZ1QV QSL via RAFARS Bureau
8 to 10 May	GB7OLV	RAFARS	VE Day Contact G3KCF
1-31 May	GB70VE	RNARS HMS Belfast London	VE Day
6/7 June	NFD CW	RSGB Metheringham, Lincs LN4	3BQ. Contact G3ZDW
14 June	GB4RAF	RAF Cosford Air Show	Contact Martin G7FTN
19 Jun	McMichael Radio Rally	Reading RG4 6ST	Contact Martyn G4SOH
21 Jun	Radio Rally Newbury Showgrounds	RG18 9QZ	Contact Martyn G4SOH
1 Jul	GB0RAF	Deerbolt RAF Memorial Day	Contact Mike G0NRK
25/26/27 Jul	GB2VET	Veterians Day Hull Council	Contact Bernard G0SWO
1 to 31 Aug	GB70VJ	RNARS HMS Belfast London	VJ Day
03 Sept	Rolling 3 CW	RAFARS	Rules in RAFARS QRZ Call book
5/6 Sept	SSB Field Day	RSGB	Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ
15 Sept	GB8BB	75 <sup>TH</sup> Battle of Britain	Steph G4XKH/Riviera ARC
26/27 Sept	National Hamfest /RSGB	Newark Showgrounds	NG24 2NY Contact G0NVY
<b>24 Oct 15</b>	<b>RAFARS AGM</b>	<b>RAF Cosford.</b>	<b>Date for your diary</b>
06 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest		Rules in RAFARS QRZ Call book
10 Jan 2016	AFS CW	RSGB	Make a team up and inform Roger G3ZDW
16 Jan 2016	AFS SSB	RSGB	Make a team up and inform Roger G3ZDW

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

## TRI SERVICE NETS.

The Tri-Service Net takes place on Sunday mornings at 0900L on 5.403MHz and on Tuesday evenings at 1900L on 5.3985 or 5.395MHz.

Tri-Service Data Net Tuesdays 1945L 5.368Mhz PSK31 – All stations welcome to call.

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

De Brief 11 Apr 2015 No Report, Operator G4PSH Sick

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 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.

G8FC has been fairly active this month on HF SSB and Data. All equipment remains fully serviceable.



**Ofcom allocated GB0RAF in error to HQ for the RAF Cosford Airshow, this has now been resolved and GB4RAF has been allocated instead. The call will be active from 19<sup>th</sup> May until 14<sup>th</sup> June on all bands. The club HQ will be open to the public on air day so why not call in for a FREE cup of Tea?**

Some new video content has been added to YouTube and can be found by searching for "G8FC"

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](http://www.twitter.com/g8fc)

[www.facebook.com/g8fc](http://www.facebook.com/g8fc)

## **RAFARS AGM RAF COSFORD SAT 24 OCT 2015.**

The RAFARS AGM will be held in No1 Radio School RAF Cosford WV7 3EX Sat 24th October 2015.

**Please make this event a success if you can by coming along even if you only attend the AGM in the day.**

**No 1 Radio School will be open for visitors to look around as well as our small communications museum. You might just find some kit in there that will bring back some memories?**

**There will be ample parking and it's a 30 second walk from the car park.**

Full details will appear in the Autumn QRV Journal with attendance form to fill in for Security Reasons as the AGM Venue is on the Station. Nil return forms are also to be returned.

AGM DINNER is at the Ramada Hotel Telford TF3 4NA. If you intend to stay overnight on the Fri/Sat at the Ramada Hotel you are advised to book early. Double bed with B&B £63 per night, Single £58 per night. Book your room before the 24 Aug. Phone 01952-425000 and quote RAFARS.

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

As of 20/04/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 6 Members. Call signs are:

**GOVAR GIOMXT G3LMO G4DBS G4VPT M6GBO M6EAL for GB1AC**

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

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

GB4SMH RAFARS 1214 is on the air each Tuesday and on the first Saturday of each month from the RAF Signals Museum at RAF Henlow and welcomes a call from RNARS, RSARS and RAFARS members.

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)

### **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
13 Jun	RAF Northholt Centenary Open Day	HA4 6NG
14 Jun	Welshpool Air Show Powys	SY21 8SG
14 Jun	RAF Cosford Air Show (GB4RAF)	TF11 8UP
20/21 June	Weston Supper Mare Air Festival and Armed Forces Day	BS23 1AL

### **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](mailto: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](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 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](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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