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### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS.**

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4846 SWL 47F (Grantham) Sqn ATC  
4847 G3NGZ PELICAN RADIO GROUP (Great Rissington)  
4848 SWL 493 (Kings Heath & Moseley) Sqn ATC

Note - G3NGZ was the callsign of The Central Flying School, RAF Little Rissington whose aerobatic team was The Red Pelicans.

RAFARS Silent Keys:

None

Call-sign Changes:

None

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015.**

Next meetings are **Mon 15 Sep, Sat 15 Oct AGM, Mon 24 Nov.**

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.

### **SHORT DE-BRIEF RSGB CW CONTEST G8FC/P 6/7 June 2015.**

The actual contest was steady through out the 24 hours with a peak around 0630-0815 BST when the QSO rate went up to 30+ hourly rate over the previous 10 minutes (this is a window showing QSO rates over set periods of time), which is high for a Restricted Section entry, shame the whole contest was not at that rate we would be bringing silverware home! As is normal for a Restricted Section entry, with one multi band aerial to cover all bands, most of our contacts are on 40M and below. We made 400 contacts, this compares with 387 in 2014 and 392 in 2013, these are raw scores prior to any checks.

The ops were: Roger, G3ZDW; Vince, G4DQP; Tom, G4OSB.

Support team: Peter, G0NVY plus 3 none members. On behalf of RAFARS Council/Members Well done the Crew for taking part. Number of points claimed 400. The results will be given when received from the RSGB.

## RAFARS 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).

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

1 Jul	GB0RAF	Deerbolt RAF Memorial Day	Contact Mike G0NRK
19 Jul	McMichael Radio Rally	Reading RG4 6ST	Contact Martyn G4SOH
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

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

De Brief 13 June 2015 , Operator G4PSH. 28 Contacts on 40m. Members Contacted M3ZKB, 2E0TAF, G3LMO, GB0YAM, G3LUW, G7FEQ, G4PFR, GB0RAF/M0CES at Newark Radio Rally .

No RAFARS on CW DX 14.055 at 1400-1410Z.

A contest started at 1200Z which caused a lot of splatter.

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.**

Nothing to report

## **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 20/06/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 7 Members. Call signs are:

**GOVAR GM3JIJ G3LMO G4AYD G4DBS MM0XDB for GB4MSE M6GBO MW3VJN M6EAL for GB1AC, 2E0TAF.**

**Note: RAFARS Members when putting a Special Event Station on the air, the person who holds the licence is responsible for QSL Cards. If QSL cards are not going to be used the SES Operators are to make it quite clear to all stations worked, No QSL Cards. If you use QSL Cards then send a SAE to Andrew our QSL Manager. And you must be a paid up RAFARS Member to use the RAFARS QSL Bureau.**

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)

5 Jul	Manchester City Airport Air Show	M30 7SA
11 Jul	RNAS Yeovilton International Air Show Somerset	BA22 6HT
11/12 Jul	Duxford Flying Legends Air Show Camb's	CB2 4QR
11/12 Jul	Welsh National Air Show Swansea Bay	SA1
17-19 Jul	RAF Fairford Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) Glos	GL7 4EG
24-26 Jul	Sunderland Tyne and Wear International Air Show	SR6 8AB
25/26 Jul	Newark Nottinghamshire Victory Day	NG24 2NY
30 Jul	RNARS Culdrose Air Day Cornwall	TR12 7RH
9/10 Aug	Blackpool Sea Front Air Show	FY1 4BJ
13-16 Aug	Airborne International Air Show Eastbourne Sussex	BN23 6NS

## 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.grz.com](http://www.grz.com)>

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