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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

None this month

RAFARS Silent Keys:

566 G4BRG Eric

Call-sign Changes:

None this month

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015.

Sat 24th Oct AGM, Tues 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.

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. Full details have appeared 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. The AGM Dinner will be held at the Ramada Hotel Telford TF3 4NA Saturday Evening. G4PSH/M /A will be QAP on 144.725 from Fri 1200 to 1200hrs Sun (not during the AGM or Night time) If I don't answer give me a call later as I may be otherwise engaged. /P H/H 3 Watts, /M 50 Watts.

RAFARS DE BRIEF FIELD DAY 5/6 SEPT 2015

Conditions were poor on HF. After about 30 minutes of the contest starting (1400hrs) we dropped down to 40M. This was followed by a drop to 80M by 1800 hrs, normally that would not happen until 2000 hrs+. We heard the RAFARS net going strong, unfortunately, the rules don't allow us to contact our own members, shame.

We went on and made 420 contacts which is about average. The operators were Vince, G4DQP, Keith, M0DZB and Roger, G3ZDW, who were assisted by Peter, G0NVY, Brigitte, G1CAJ, Paul, M6CAJ and Tom, G4OSB during setting up and dismantling period, without their help it would of been a struggle.

On behalf of RAFARS Council and Members Well done Roger and the FD Crew, it's good to have G8FC/P taking part.

RAFARS NEWS ON 80M SUN 13 SEPT 2015

Due to very high noise level and long skip News Desk was unable to read the RAFARS Oct News Letter on 80m at 1900hrs.

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

By now you should have all received your QRV Journal Autumn Edition 2015.

Closing Date for the next QRV issue is the 18 Jan 2016.

QVR requires content from you the membership. 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.

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.

02 to 30 Oct GBOIOI R101Air Ship Cardington to Paris 4 Oct 1930 Contact Bedford DARC MOZAE

24 Oct 15 RAFARS AGM at No1 Radio School and Dinner at the Ramada Hotel.

06 Dec 15 RAFARS Christmas Contest New Rules in Autumn QRV Page 12

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

5/6 Jun 2016 NFD RSGB

1 Sept 2016 Rolling 3 CW RAFARS Rules in QRV Journal

3/4 Sept 2016 SSB Field Day RSGB

4 Dec 2016 RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting Rules in Autumn QRV 2015 Page 12

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 12 Sep 2015, Operator G4PSH. On arriving at GB2RAF at 1000hrs I was told that the mast and antenna had been taken down by the Fence Contractor, so I had to re erect the Mast and Antenna on another large fence post as before, which took me till 1230hrs. Then more bad news the Bands had heavy noise levels and a long skip so I only managed to work 7 Stations on 40m with one RAFARS Member MI1AIB working MN0GKL SES Churches on the Air
RAFARS CW DX 14.055 at 1400z a big contest on 20m so was unable to make a CQ DX RAFARS Call.

GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month. Also now on **Tues and Thurs** by G4GVR Roger RAFARS 4832 who is on the Museum Staff who will Operate the Station when he has any free time from his Museum duties. Roger G4VGR did help me on Tues 15th to make the Mast Antenna and coax lead all ship shape and Tested.

Another bit of good news GB2RAF can now leave the Mast and Antenna up at all times.

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.

RAFARS 2m and 40m REMINDER.

Just to remind all of RAFARS that if ever you are on 2m whether it is at Home, Mobile or at an Event 144.725 FM is the Frequency to be on. That way everyone will not have to scan the frequencies to see if any RAFARS Members are around. You can even Monitor the frequency but if you have a frequency it will save you hours going around the Frequencies looking for RAFARS Members on 2m.

Also with Special Event Stations 7.155Mhz is the frequency to be on (besides the RAFARS Net Frequencies) and again to save us all going around the Bands if RAFARS are on 7.155 we will all know where to go and save us hours looking around for RAFARS SES. That does not mean that you have to stay on 7.155 at all times of course.

G8FC RAFARS HQ STATION.

No Activity

RAFARS QSL BUREAU, IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 23/09/2015 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 12 Members. Call signs are:

G0VAR G1LKJ GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO G4DBS MM0XDB for GB4MSE M0PFH M6GBO MW3VJN M6EAL for GB1AC and 2E1TAF.

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.

2 to 30 Oct 2015 GB0IOI R101 Air Ship Special Event Station from ATC Bedford Sqn (see events) 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

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. The Museum website is www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk

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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