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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4862 2E1DCF RICHIE(Serving Member)

Silent Keys.

248	G3TLI	DUNCAN	2470	G3MEA	STAN
1215	G3MWN	ERIC	2937	GOJOA	BRIAN
2004	G4YIX	DONALD	4507	G4TGN	BRIAN
2137	GM2BMJ	THOMAS	4540	MIOMSR	MELVYN

Call-sign Changes: NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

THE POST OF QRV EDITOR IS STILL VACANT.

YOUR SOCIETY WILL NOT HAVE A JOURNAL UNLESS A MEMBER IS PREPARED TO TAKE ON THIS IMPORTANT TASK.

Members wishing to carry out this challenging but rewarding job should, in the first instance, contact RAFARS Chairman, Richie Judson GORHJ at richie_judson@yahoo.com or telephone 0306 7707630.

Vital Qualities - Must be able to use MS Office or similar. To use a Desk Top Publisher would be a bonus. There can be a need to commission articles from RAFARS Members and other radio hams. The editor also liaises with the printers who, at present, design the pages from articles, photographs and advice provided by the editor. A good knowledge of written English is desirable to sub edit submissions. Council can assist with proof reading.

QRV requires content from you, the members. Without your submissions QRV will not have enough content to keep it interesting.

Why not pen an article? The membership would no doubt enjoy reading about your experiences in Amateur Radio; illustrated by your photos that would be an excellent bonus. Contact RAFARS by phone, E-mail or even write a letter! Contact details below.

Please continue to send your stories, articles, events, pictures, personal profiles, your shack, letters. Digital jpg photos should be sent as attachment to Word documents. Please do not import them into the text.

Until a new editor is appointed, send your words and pictures to the QRV Editor, RAFARS HQ, RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton. WV7 3HL.
The next publication deadline is June 15th.

AIRFIELDS ON THE AIR. AOTA.

This year AOTA will be held from 26 Mar to 10 April 2016.

All those Participating this year would you please inform News Desk terry@g4psh.co.uk so as I can make a list for the Monthly RAFARS News Letter. Information required is Date/s you will be active. SES Call-sign in use or your own call-sign , Bands, Location, and the person who holds the SES Call-sign ATC/Club or your own Call-sign (person or Org to contact)

Start of List as follows-

Callsign	Location	Band/ s	Date/ sActive	Contact
GB2RAF	RAF Neatished Radar Museum	40m	9 April only	Terry G4PSH

You are reminded to send your Event Information to the person in charge of AOTA, Vince G4DQP at qrz.com or E-mail earlval@postmaster.co.uk This will allow you to collect or give out points if required. Those Stations who have been on the list in previous years must also inform Vince if they will be on the Air this year. So, E-mail Vince i/c AOTA and Terry at News Desk if you are going to put an Airfield, RAF Military Establishment Active or no longer Active (WW2) near you on the air.

Also see www.rafars.org Click INFORMATION then Click RAF Airfields on the Air for full information.

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

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
14 Feb 16	Harwell, Didcot	Martin Spence G4SOH
6 Mar 16	Exeter	Michael Garrett MOMJG
26 Mar to 10 Apr	Airfields on the Air RAFARS	Vince G4DQP i/c AOTA
13 Apr 16	AOTA	Vince G4DQP i/c AOTA
10 Apr 16	NARSA – Blackpool	Mike Bateman G7JPN
10 Apr 16	Yeovil QRP	Michael Garrett MOMJG
? May 16	Tavistock	Michael Garrett MOMJG
4/5 Jun 2016	NFD	RSGB
19 Jun 16	Cosford Airshow	Council AND others
1 Sept 2016	Rolling 3 CW Rules in QRV Journal	Roger G3ZDW
3/4 Sept 2016	SSB Field Day RSGB	Roger G3ZDW
22 Oct 2016	RAFARS AGM No 1 Radio School DCAE Cosford.	Vince G4DQP
4 Dec 2016	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting	Roger G3ZDW

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

AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM, RAF NEATI SHEAD GB2RAF RAFARS PERMANENT S.E.S.

CLOSED TILL APR 9th 2016.

So GB2RAF will NOT be operating on the 2nd Sat. of the Month till 9 April 2016.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.

2 Feb (**Virtual**): 12 Apr: 20 Jun: 13 Sep: 22 Oct (AGM): 22 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, General Secretary, one month before the due date by letter, or two weeks by e-mail or telephone.

Please note that Virtual Council Meetings are held using Google Hangouts

RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 22/01/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 12 Members. Call signs are:

G0VAR GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO MM0XDB for GB4MSE M0PFH M6GBO MW3VJN G1LKJ M3ZKB M0ZAV G7BQM.

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew M3NDZ RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, 44, Bishops Close, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire. CV37 9ED. Alternatively, contact Andrew by Phone, Letter or E-mail to inform him of 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 callsigns listed above, please advise them to contact the RAFARS QSL Bureau Manager, Andrew e-mail address is <andrewhumphriss@tinyworld.co.uk> .

All QSL Cards should not be any larger than 140mmx90mm as per the RSGB QSL Bureau.

RAF HALTON RADIO SOCIETY G1RAF RAFARS 1666.

If you are interested in joining the RAF Halton RS, please contact Malcolm G7VRT QThr, or the Chairman, Derf G8ZGK, QThr in RAFARS Call Book and on qrz.com.

The E-mail address is RAFHaltonRS@outlook.com or look up 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

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 **G0TAK** QThr or e-mail g0tak.walker@btinternet.com. The Museum website is www.rafsignalsmuseum.org.uk.

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.

The result of the recent ballot about categories of membership allows serving or retired members of the British Armed Forces, and serving or retired MOD civil servants to join the Society as Corporate members.

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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 the RAF, Military aviation and are prepared to help the society achieve its published aims and objectives. Categories of membership are listed on our website.

Check eligibility for membership by logging onto <http://rafars.org/rafars/Join.html>. 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.

* To transfer funds by telephone/on-line banking, RAFARS bank details are available from our Treasurer, Michael MOMJG by E-mail to mOmjg@penalter.plus.com or telephone 01305816362.

If you require more information, please contact: The Membership Secretary G7JPN, RAFARS HQ, DCAE Cosford, Wolverhampton, WV7 3EX. Tel: 01902 372722 (Answerphone only) or e-mail Mike G7JPN at rafars.member.sec@gmail.com. HQ will be checked at least twice weekly for mail & messages. E-mails are handled daily at home.

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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