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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4874 G7SUV JAMES (JOSH)

SILENT KEYS:

1771 G4AZN BARRY
3073 G0DGG JAMES
3576 G0SEG ROGER
3871 G0KZV JAMES

CALL-SIGN CHANGES: NONE THIS MONTH

QRV JOURNAL EDITOR CONTACT DETAILS.

David G8TEB RAFARS 4405 QTHr in Call Book, email david.g8teb@gmail.com and see also www.qrz.com David will require all your support for your RAFARS Journals of the future.

But do not forget 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 that would be an excellent bonus. 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.

RSGB NFD DE-BRIEF HELD ON 4 5 JUNE 2016.

We had a successful weekend at Metheringham with a total of 415 contacts, broken down as 160m 63, 80m 87, 40m 152, 20m 86, 15m 24, 10m 3. The operators were Vince G4DQP, Tom G4OSB and myself. With additional support members to help set the station up and who came back again at the end to clear the site. These were Peter G0NVY, Brian G4HIV, Fred G4HNQ, both Brian and Fred are new members who joined the Society at the National Hamfest last year and it was good to see them both getting involved. I would also like to thanks Bob G3VCA who stored some of our heavy equipment and brought it to Metheringham.

Roger G3ZDW Contest Manager.

RAFARS CONTESTS, RALLIES WITH RAFARS STANDS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2016.

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
17 Jul	McMichael Radio Rally Reading Rugby Club RG4 6ST	David G3RZF
1 to 28 Sept	GB75ACO Air Cadet Org 75Yrs from 1132 Sqn Stalham Norfolk	Terry G4PSH
1 Sept	Rolling 3 CW Rules in QRV Journal	Roger G3ZDW
3/4 Sept	SSB Field Day RSGB QTH Metheringham, Lincs LN4 3BQ	Roger G3ZDW
22 Oct	RAFARS AGM No 1 Radio School DCAE Cosford.	Vince G4DQP
4 Dec	RAFARS Christmas Contest/Greeting	Roger G3ZDW
4 Dec	Bishop Auckland Radio Club Rally	Mike G0NRK

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016.

13 Sep: 22 Oct (AGM): 22 Nov:(Virtual)

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 by a Skype Video Conference

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

11 June 2016 Operators G4PSH/M0ZAE . 17 Stations worked. No RAFARS heard and no one on the RAFARS 40m Net. Conditions very poor yet again with the Skip to outside of G-Land , with heavy noise levels but we did work Special Event TM16EURO on CW.

RAFARS Members worked 14.055 1400hrs Nil replies.

GB2RAF will be operational, generally every 2nd Sat of the Month and on Tuesday / Thurs on CW if Roger G4GVR is free from Museum duties.

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 EtoW.

Any RAFARS Member with a Full Licence can operate the station but first contact Terry G4PSH to clear it with HQRAFARS and our Museum Manageress .

QSL via RSGB Bureau, Services, EQSL or direct to G4PSH SAE QTHr and see qrz.com under GB2RAF.

Correction to GB2RAF Website under Equipment List.

S/K Frankie G0WXU to read G0WZU. Error regretted amend all docs as required.

AIRSHOW EVENTS AND FLY-INS FOR 2016 WITH POST CODES.

(Phone before you go)

02 Jul	RNAS Yeovilton Air Display	BA22 8HT
02/03 Jul	Wales National Airshow Swansea Bay	SA1 ---
08/10 Jul	Royal International Air Tattoo RAF Farford	GL7 4EG
09/10 Jul	RAF Duxford Flying Legends Air Show	CB2 4QR
11-17 Jul	Farnborough International Air Show	GU14 6AZ
22-24 Jul	Sunderland International Air Show Tyne & Wear	SR6 8AB
28 Jul	RNAS Culdrose Air Day	TR12 7RH
06 Aug	East Kirkby Air Show Linc's	PE23 4DE
07/08 Au	Blackpool Air Show Seafront	FY1 4BJ
11-14 Aug	Bristol International Balloon Fiesta Ashton Court	BS8 3TQ
11-14 Aug	Airbourne International Air Show Eastbourne	BN23 6NS

RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 21/06/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 17 Members. Call signs are:

2E1TAF G0LKJ G0VAR G3EUE GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO G3REN MM0XDB MS0PFH MOZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB M6EAL G6GBO G7BQM G8OMG.

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.

VO2VC AT GOOSE BAY 22 to 29 SEPTEMBER 2016.

From Chris VE6CMV RAFARS 3458. I will be returning to Goose Bay CQ Zone 2 again for the period 22-29 September 2016. I will QRV with my Labrador call-sign VO2VC, I will be participating in the CQ WW RTTY Contest 24-25 September, outside of this time I will be active on SSB and Digital modes mainly 20m and up. I will be running 100w to a W5GI antenna hopefully the antenna will be a lot higher than my last trip and better orientated towards Europe.

QSL will be via my home call-sign VE6CMV (LOTW, Bureau or Direct).

AIR TRAINING CORPS GB75ACO (Air Cadet Organisation).

The Air Training Corps are celebrating 75yrs of the Formation of the ATC which took place in Feb 1941. It is hoped that the ATC will be celebrating on the Amateur Radio Bands and 5Mhz with GB75 Special Event Stations.

3 to 28 Sept 2016 GB75ACO (Air Cadet Organisation) from 1132 ATC Sqn Stalham Norfolk. NR12 9SA. ATC Wings/Sqns and RAFARS/RNARS/RSARS Members are welcome to attend but bring your Ofcom Licence and an I/D with you.

Primary Freq will be 7.155 +/- CW 7.055 and 5.405Mhz +/- SSB USB. 20m at times for DX. The Station will be on the air every Weekend 1030 to 2000 local and Mon & Wed 1930 to 2130 and other times if Operators available. SES QSL Cards also available via RSGB and Services or Direct to G4PSH with a Stamped Address Envelope.

If you require a QSL Card inform the SES Operator.

If you wish to attend or require more information Contact Terry G4PSH terry@g4psh.co.uk or Phone 01692-582068 (Answer phone and leave your telephone number for Call Back).

Also see www.rafars.org GB75ACO News Flash for Operating Instructions and www.qrz.com

Exercise Blue Ham was a success with quite a number of ATC Squadrons on the air from their Wing HQ contacting Amateurs on the 60m Band. HQAC are thinking of having another Ex Blue Ham next year.

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

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.

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.

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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 M0MJG by E-mail to m0mjg@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>. A News Flash has to be authorised by RAFARS Council.

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