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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

4878 M0DBD ROLAND

SILENT KEYS:

3250 G3LCB RICHARD

4727 G7KEH KEN

CALL-SIGN CHANGES:

NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS AGM SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2016.

All details are in the Autumn QRV Journal 2016. Those attending and those Not Attending are to return the Attendance Form to RAFARS HQ DCAE Cosford by the 3rd October 2016. Due to Station Security if you wish to attend the AGM you MUST return your Attendance Form. Also see RAFARS Website.

GB75ACO (Air Cadet Organisation) 75 YEARS CELEBRATIONS.

3 to 28 Sept 2016 GB75ACO (Air Cadet Organisation) from 1132 ATC Sqn Stalham Norfolk. NR12 9SA. ATC Wings/Sqns and RAFARS Members are welcome to attend but bring your Ofcom Amateur Radio Licence and an I/D with you if you wish to operate the station. 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 1900 local and Mon & Wed 1930 to 2130 **if/when Operators available.** SES QSL Cards also available via RSGB and Services or Direct to G4PSH with a Stamped Address Envelope.

Due QRM use 5.371.5Mhz

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

NATIONAL HAMFEST 30 SEP & 1 OCT 2016

There will be the usual RAFARS Stand at the National Hamfest, Newark. A full range of RAFARS Commodities will be on sale, as well as a facility available to pay membership subscription. This Rally has always been well attended by members with over 70 for the past couple of years. This year we will have a 'Meet and Greet' at 1400 Hrs on both days in front of the Stand. We might even have a group photograph. A listening watch will be kept on 144.725FM throughout both days.

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

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
3 to 28 Sept	GB75ACO Air Cadet Org 75Yrs from 1132 Sqn Stalham Norfolk	Terry G4PSH
30 Sept 1 Oct	National Hamfest Newark NG24 2NY RAFARS Stand	Council
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. See QRV	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.

RSGB NFD RESULTS 2016.

The RSGB published the NFD 2016 results a couple of days ago. RAFARS came 19th out of an entry of 22 in the Restricted Section. Full results in the link below:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfresults.pl?Contest=NFD&year=2016>

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

GB2RAF will not be on the air 10 Sep 2016 due to Operators other commitments.

GB2RAF will also be Closed for the Winter from Nov 2016 to Mar 2017 inclusive.

De-brief 09 Jul 2016 Operators M0ZAE Conditions poor only 7 Contacts made.

De-brief 14 Aug 2016 Operator G4PSH 12 Stations worked. 1100 RAFARS Net only G4AYD.

1400Z CW No contacts due to a CW world contest on 20m.

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.

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

(Phone before you go)

02/03 Sep	Scottish International Air Show Prestwick Airport Ayr's	KA9 2PL
08 Sep	Jersey International Air Display Channel Islands	
08 Sep	Guernsey Air Display Channel Islands	
10/11 Sep	Southport Air Show Merseyside	PR8 1SB
10/11 Sep	Duxford Air Show Cambridgeshire	CB2 4QR

That concludes the Major Air Shows for this year

RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 20/08/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 13 Members. Call signs are:

G0LKJ GOVAR G3EUE GM3JIJ GW3TIX G3LMO MSOPFH MOZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB 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.

CANCELLED VO2VC AT GOOSE BAY 22 to 29 SEPTEMBER 2016.

This SES was Cancelled by Chris but it was too late to delete in the August NL. Chris will advise News Desk if the SES can be put on the air at a later date and details will again appear in the RAFARS Monthly News Letters.

QRV JOURNAL.

You all should have now received the Autumn 2016 QRV Journal. This is the first edition by David our new QRV editor, Well Done

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 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.

Send to David G8TEB RAFARS 4405 QTHr in Call Book, email david.g8teb@gmail.com and see also www.qrz.com

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.

See GB75ACO 3 to 28 Sept 2016 In this NL, RAFARS Website and www.dotqrzdotcom.

De Brief Exercise Blue Ham See Practical Wireless, RSGB Sept RadCom Magazines page 64 and RAFARS Website.

Any information required 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.

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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