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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.

RAFARS welcome the following new and re-joining members:

1329 G4GNC	TONY	4882 M0KED	ANDY
2230 G8VHI	REG	4883 SWL	SARAH
4192 M0CES	DON	4884 M0NAY	CHRIS
4880 MM0HVW	DAVE	4885 SWL	PAUL
4881 G0GGU	STEVE		

SILENT KEYS:

2600 G4OXZ	JOHN
2934 G0JTC	ROBERT
3161 G3DHY	ERIC
4077 G3HWQ	JACK
4727 G3KEH	KEN

CALL-SIGN CHANGES: NONE THIS MONTH

RAFARS AGM OCT 2016 SHORT DE-BRIEF.

Membership Subscription of £14 is UNCHANGED.
Flt Lt Richie Judson to resign as RAFARS Chairman.
The Treasurer and Membership Secretary updated their reports.
Presentations by three members.

RAFARS 40m Nets

Due to poor Propagation for Months on 7.080 1100L Net. If no communication established by 1105 Net to move to 3.710. Your Controllers are aware.

RESULTS G8FC/P SSB RSGB FD

The results have been published by the RSGB. G8FC/P came 7th out of an entry of 22, in the Restricted Section. The full results are here:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfresults.pl?Contest=SSB%20Field%20Day&year=2016>

From Council, Appointed Posts and Members – “Very well done this year”.

SHORT DE-BRIEF ATC. GB75ACO 3 TO 28 SEPTEMBER 2016.

75 Years of the ATC GB75 Air Cadet Organisation.

Total Number of Contacts was only 401 over the 4 weekends and the Mon & Wed evenings. This was due to Long Skip Propagation on 40m: 80m was also very poor at all times during the day. Number of UK Stations worked was 211. I did one DX on 20m for the log, and got WX3B in Maryland USA. On 5Mhz, only 1 ATC Sqn contact which was with MRO44 and 1 with ACF MZV72, Well Done Both.

One good contact was with G2BUP Laure on SSB. He was a 100 years old which made GB75ACO seem very Young.

See picture and De-brief on RAFARS Website NEWS under Ex. Blue Ham.

DE-BRIEF. ATC ON 3.710 RADIO EXERCISE SAT 2 OCT 2016

Due to short notice, only 7 station were on the Net between 0900-1200L.

3 RAFARS G0SYF, GW4DWX, M0ZAE and 3 ATC Sqns G3ATC, G4PSH/A, G0HXT, 1 ACF M1CFW.

This Exercise was to encourage Air Cadets and Staff who hold an Amateur Radio Licence to come on the Amateur Radio Bands this being Primary 3.710Mhz RAFARS Net Freq.

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

DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
20 Nov	CATS Bazaar near Caterham RAFARS Stand pending	
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.

22 Nov 2016 at HQRAFARS Cosford (NOT NOW 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 using Skype Video Conference.

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

GB2RAF will be closed for the Winter from Dec 2016 to March 2017 inclusive.

De-Brief 8 Oct 2016. Operators M0ZAE Henry and G4PSH Terry. Number of contacts 56.

Conditions Good, first time for many many months. RAFARS Worked on 80m G0SYF, G3LMO, MW0OZI, M3ZKB and 2E0FVL. Special Event Stations MX0WGS Wings Museum Balcombe and GB40PR Norden Railway Station Poole.

RNARS SSB Net on 14mhz W1USN and HZ1PS.

1400-1410Z 14.055 CQ RAFARS Nothing heard.

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 SSB 7.155 and 7.080 CW 7015MHz. If 40m is down we will be on 3.710.

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.

RAFARS QSL BUREAU IS YOUR CALL-SIGN BELOW.

As of 21/10/2016 outstanding QSL Cards await SSAEs from 15 Members. Call signs are:

GOVAR G1LKJ G3EUE G3FKI GM3JIJ G3LMO GW3TIX G4XKH G6GBO G8OMG G8PRU MSOPFH MOZAV MW3VJN M3ZKB.

Send 2nd Class Stamped SAE to Andrew **2E0NDZ** 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 your 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 List. Cards will not be forwarded to the RSGB Bureau after the 6 months.

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.

RAFARS QRV JOURNAL.

Do not forget RAFARS QRV JOURNAL 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.

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

If News Desk receive any correspondence/pictures/stories which are not relevant to the News Letter they will be forwarded to David for the QRV Journal.

AIR TRAINING CORPS.

See above paragraphs for De Brief on GB75ACO and ATC on 3710Mhz.

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. News Desk are not aware of any GB75 Yrs or ATC SES at this time. Any information required relating to the Air Training Corps 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 01305-816362.

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 rafarsmembersec@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.grz.com>. A News Flash has to be authorised by RAFARS Council.

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