

## WHAT IS RAFARS?

The RAF Amateur Radio Society was formed in 1938 and today has more than 1300 members world wide.

The Society **AIMS** to promote and foster Amateur Radio activities within the Royal Air Force and, through Amateur Radio, maintain and foster the close bonds that exist between Radio Amateurs serving in the RAF and those who have retired from, or have close links with it.

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO JOIN RAFARS ?

You can join as a **CORPORATE member**, if you:

Are serving, or have served, with the RAF or one of its Reserves.

Are, or have been, a civilian employed by the Ministry of Defence (Air).

Are an Officer, Instructor or Cadet in the Air Training Corps or the RAF Section of the Combined Cadet Force.

#### **Subject to RAFARS Council approval, you may join:**

As an **ASSOCIATE member**, if you:

Are, or have been, connected with an Commonwealth, NATO or Allied Air Force, in either a serving or Civilian capacity.

Do not otherwise qualify for Corporate membership but, nevertheless, wish to assist the Society to achieve its published aims.

As a **STUDENT member**, if you:

Can provide proof that you are in receipt of full time education or training. Student membership can be continued after the first year if proof of continuing student status is provided.

### CLUB AND SOCIETY AFFILIATION

Special arrangements for organisations wishing to Affiliate to the Society – please contact the Treasurer via address overleaf.

## WHAT THE SOCIETY DOES

- ◆ Conducts Radio Nets: locally on VHF FM, all modes inter G and worldwide on HF. Has a net and frequency devoted to QRS / QRP.
- ◆ Publishes QRV, the Society's magazine, twice yearly, supplemented if necessary by News from the Gen. Sec. Local Area newsletters too.
- ◆ Publishes QRZ, the Society's Callbook, updated twice yearly.
- ◆ Distributes a monthly Packet Newsletter via RAFARS@GBR
- ◆ Has a comprehensive website at <[www.rafars.org](http://www.rafars.org)> - that is updated frequently and includes copies of Packet and national newsletters.
- ◆ Operates an Area Representative Scheme and an office at HQ to enable members to remain in close touch with the Society affairs.
- ◆ Exhibits at many Rallies and Major Conventions, throughout the year.
- ◆ Supplies a range of RAFARS related Commodities to members, at competitive prices.
- ◆ Organises national and local projects for members benefit, open to all members, such as the Roadshow, Field Day teams & operates Special Events Stations under its GB\*RAF callsigns.
- ◆ Has an Award Scheme for members.
- ◆ Holds closed contests for RAFARS members and joins in the national Affiliated Societies' contests.
- ◆ Negotiates directly with the appropriate Authority for Call Signs related to the RAF, ATC and RAFARS Special Events.
- ◆ Encourages & assists the formation of Radio Clubs at RAF stations and ATC Units and encourages their affiliation to RAFARS.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

**Join in Society activities – the more you put in,  
the more you get out.**

## OUTLINE OF RAFARS ORGANISATION

Patron –	
President – Air Commodore Mark Neal RAF	Ex-officio
Vice President – Wg Cdr S. Edmondson RAF	Ex-officio
<b>THE COUNCIL (Elected annually by members)</b>	<b>CALL SIGN</b>
Chairman – a licensed serving RAF Officer elected by the elected Councillors.	G0RHJ
Serving Member's Representative	M0DZB
General Secretary	G7JPN
Treasurer	M0MJG
Marketing Manager	M1IKE
IT Consultant and Historian	G4DDM
Contests Manager	G3ZDW
QRV Editor	G0TAK
Callbook Editor	G0NWY
Special Projects Manager	G0WVW
<b>SOME OF THE COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICERS</b>	
QSL Bureau Manager	M3NDZ
Talking QRV Manager	G3TQX
Packet Radio Newsdesk	G4PSH
Awards Manager	M3NDZ

### WHAT IT COSTS (as from 01 July 2009)

A Joining Pack is supplied. All joiners and re-joiners, except Students, pay a one-off registration fee of £3.00.

Corporate and Associate members - Annual Subscription is £11.00.

Student members - Annual Subscription is £4.00.

Family - 2 or more Corporate / Associate members residing at the same address pay £9.00 per head (minimum £18.00) Annual Subscription.

(Receive only one copy of each RAFARS publication per address)

Members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> October pay only half the Subscription. (e.g. with Registration fee included - Corporate/Associate £8.50, Student £2 and Family £12.00 Minimum).

**All subscriptions (not registration fees) are renewable on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## ROYAL AIR FORCE



## AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Keep this part of the form for reference. Send your Application to:

**The General Secretary  
RAF Amateur Radio Society HQ  
DCAE Cosford  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
West Midlands, WV7 3EX**

Office open one day per week to collect mail and messages  
Email: <rafars.gen.sec@googlemail.com Telephone 01902 372722

Form Date: 01 July 2009

<b>For HQ use only:</b> Intro. by:	Member No:
Dates: Form 01/07/09	D/Base & Membership pack sent:

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Callsign / RS No:** ..... | **Joining / Re-joining – old No ?**  
 ..... | (Delete as applicable)

**Title / Rank:** ..... | **Initials:** ..... | **Surname:** .....

**Service No (if serving):** ..... | **Forename used on air:** .....

**Date of Birth:** .....

**Full Postal Address:** .....

**Post Code:** .....

**Telephone - Home:** .....  
**Work:** .....  
**Fax:** .....

**E-mail address:** .....

**Packet BBS:** .....

I wish to be admitted as a ..... member of RAFARS and, if admitted, agree to adhere to the Rules and Aims of the Society as published in its Constitution and Regulations.

I enclose the sum of £ .....\* being the amount of the Registration Fee and the Subscription due. I note that Subscriptions fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year and agree to pay it within 1 MONTH of that date.

I have read and, where applicable, actioned the Data Protection questionnaire printed overleaf.

Signed ..... Date .....

\*Please make cheques/POs payable to “RAFARS”

Please give a **brief history of your RAF career**, or links with the RAF, with relevant dates. **Otherwise**, please give **your reasons for wishing to join the Society**.

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**Interests:** Please tick            HF .....            VHF .....  
    UHF .....            Microwaves .....            ATV .....  
    QRP .....            CW .....            RTTY .....  
    Data .....            Packet .....            Internet .....  
    Xpeds .....            Special Events .....            Contests .....  
    Other .....

**DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998**

The Society keeps all members’ and former members’ details on a computer database. Its IT system complies with the Data Protection Act.

**If applicable, please tick the relevant box or boxes:**

- a. I do not wish my personal details to be held on the Society Computer.
- b. I do not wish my Address to be published in the Society Callbook (QRZ).
- c. I do not wish for my e-mail address to be published in the Society Callbook (