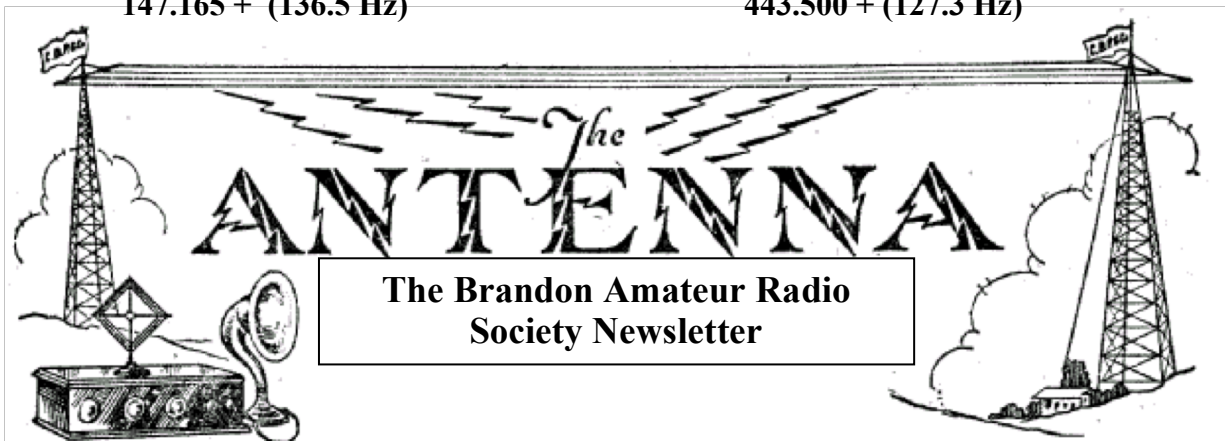


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Come to the Eating Meeting on 17 January 2019

The annual Eating Meeting will be on the third Thursday in January at the Golden Corral, 815 Providence Road in Brandon. Folks should show up at 7 p.m. Cost per person is about \$12 not including beverage and taxes. Come on out for socializing, fun, and FOOD as we honor the outgoing officers and club workers and thank the new officers for volunteering to serve.



It is always a great time to just sit with fellow hams, chow down, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere that we always have at the January eating meetings.

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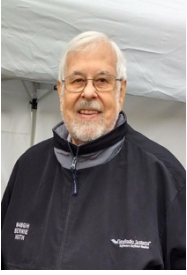
February Meeting – 21 February 2019 at Bloomingdale Regional Library

Mark your calendars NOW for the February meeting. We will hold you in suspense and provide program details in the February newsletter. We are meeting at the Bloomingdale Regional Library! The address is 1906 Bloomingdale Ave., Valrico, Florida 33596.



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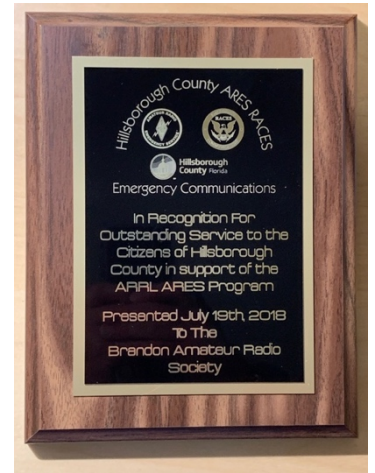
Remembering Bernie Huth, W4BGH Ron Perrett, K4FZU



Bernie shall forever be remembered by past and present Members of the Brandon Amateur Radio Society, as "a best-in-class", "one-of-a-kind." Abbreviated, we all just call ourselves "BARS". Within and beyond our fraternal bond of Amateur Radio, Bernie was a true role model and favorite servant's-heart friend. His passion was absolutely contagious! Whether visible or behind the scenes unnoticed, he was a constant and stable aficionado in seemingly everything - his gifts and talents many. His leadership and organizational skills provided year-over-year of professional guidance and technical presentation. Yet, you'd often find him getting his hands dirty, participating as just one-of-the-guys in team projects.

Bernie's influence brought much positive recognition to B.A.R.S. as a valuable regional and community asset. He was exceedingly generous with his time and means, supporting both club and individual members. I don't ever remember him saying no to anyone who asked for assistance, no matter how complex or basic the motivation need.

Bernie's persona not only touched, but overwhelmingly encompassed every aspect of what B.A.R.S. is. Training, coaching, radio, electronics, engineering, mentoring, emergency preparedness, community service, team fellowship, common cause, systems building, technology development, operations techniques, maritime radio heritage, and so much more(!), all umbrellaed by Amateur Radio. Bernie's fingerprint in graphics, video, lesion support, documentation, and immeasurable kindness, remain a sustained testimony of his legacy and encouragement. I (we) will deeply miss Bernie. His radio signal and voice, his wit, his knowledge, his support, but mostly, as a person called friend.



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Amateur Operator of the Month: Angelica C. (Angie) Vazquez, KI4RUC Dana Perrin, KM4DTJ

This month, we highlight Angie Vazquez, who has been active in BARS for several years.



Angie was born and grew up in New York City - Manhattan. She moved to Brandon from San Antonio, Texas in 1982, as her husband wanted to live closer to his family after he retired from the Air Force. While in San Antonio, Angie had a successful Real Estate Company with eight employees, and six rental properties which were always rented.

Angie met her husband Eddie in 1956 after he was discharged from the Army. It was a "silent romance" for many years. In one conversation, Eddie told her that he was joining the Air Force to be stationed in Morocco and that he would be gone for a long time. With a broken heart, Angie waited until 1961, when Eddie returned from Morocco. At that time, Eddie proposed to Angie, she accepted, and they were very happily married until his death in 2013. They were married 52 years. Angie and Eddie had two children,

Deborah and Richard, and 6 grandchildren (one girl and five boys).

Besides Manhattan, San Antonio, and Brandon, Angie has also lived in Freehold, New Jersey, Hampton, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and Seville, Spain.

In addition to her Real Estate career, and being a mother and a housewife, Angie also worked for Eastern Airlines for 4 years and she worked in the Banking industry in the Auditing and Compliance Departments for 12 years.

She attended an Airline Technical School and she earned an Associate's Degree in Real Estate from St. Phillip's College in Texas. More recently, she earned her Associate's Degree in Computer Science from HCC in 1995.

And now for a few bullet questions:

Favorite Hobby: Besides amateur radio, she is also a Numismatist.

Favorite Authors: Pearl S. Buck, and James Michener.

Favorite Musician: Elvis Presley.

Top three things on your Bucket List:

1. Pass the Amateur Radio General Test.
2. Spend a Christmas in the snow.
3. Read the Biography of Nikola Tesla, 1856–1943, Inventor of Alternating Current.

Favorite Quote: No matter how hard things get, “God Will Always Prevail”.

Favorite Movie or TV show: Red Dawn, Patrick Swayze.

If a teleporter/time machine existed, where and when would you go?

I would return to the early years of my marriage. They were the happiest days of my life. Knowing that is not possible, I would like to be see forty years in the future to see how air travel and communications have advanced.

Tell about an accomplishment of which you are proud.

My husband and I were able to give our two children the best education possible. Our daughter is a graduate of MIT in Ocean Engineering. Our son earned a bachelor’s degree in Finance from the University of South Florida.

How and when did you become interested in Amateur Radio?

After being certified by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) organization, I also took the Amateur Radio Technician test, and was able to get my license. I had every intention of continuing and learning all I could about Amateur Radio, and especially Morse Code, but medical conditions within my family prevented me from concentrating on any outside activities.

When did you join BARS? In 2017.

What are your plans for the future?

To pass the General test, continue to expand on what I am doing now, and possibly learn Morse Code.

Describe your radio(s) and antenna(s) on what bands, and with what nets you are active (especially with regards to BARS nets)?

Angie has a Yaesu FT 70DR radio. She also has a Diamond VHF/UHF Antenna at a height of 20 feet attached to her house. She participates on the BARS 2-meter net occasionally. She also participates in the Hillsborough ARES RACES UHF Net where she makes announcements for BARS on Thursdays evenings. You will find her checking - in frequently to the nightly 70 cm Eagle Net. On Mondays, she makes announcements for ARES RACES on the Eagle Net. You will almost always find her at one of our BARS Breakfast meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Is there anything you want to add or be sure to include...a message to BARS Members?

"The leadership of the Brandon Amateur Radio Society is admirable. Their willingness to help promote the Radio Society and help newcomers into this group cannot be ignored. Thank you for taking the time to help others who are less knowledgeable in this field. Your kindness does not go unnoticed."

We thank you Angie, for your interest in Amateur Radio and for your active support of the Brandon Amateur Radio Society!

Winter Field Day, January 26 - 27, 2019 Richard Jones, KW4MB

A group of BARS members will gather this January to participate in the Winter Field Day event. Here are the details:

WHO: All amateur operators, especially BARS members, are invited to participate.
WHAT: Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association.
<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>
WHEN: Set up starts at noon on Saturday, January 26th.
QSOs begin at 2 pm, Saturday, January 26th.
We will run until we are out of steam ... or ...
when the contest ends, at 2 pm Sunday, January 27th.
WHERE: At the home of Richard Jones: 4721 Lighterwood Way, Valrico, FL
WHY: It's an event to allow you to test your emergency communication skills...
AND to have some fun with other members of YOUR Club.
CONTACT: Richard Jones (KW4MB) at 813-758-2203 or rjones17@verizon.net

We had a great time last year:



COME JOIN IN THE COMRADERIE!!!

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Hillsborough County ARES RACES News Dana Perrin, KM4DTJ

Hillsborough ARES RACES UHF and VHF Nets

Hillsborough ARES RACES runs two nets to allow amateur operators to practice their radio skills and to practice emergency communications. All amateur operators are encouraged to participate in these two nets.

Every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, we host a UHF net on the W4BCI repeater (444.225 MHz (+) PL 146.2 Hz). During the last net, we conducted a "Final Call Ceremony" for Silent Key Bernie Huth W4BGH. In past nets, our president, Scott Irwin, W8UFO, has given several "Training Tidbits" relative to ARES RACES on this net. Be sure to check - in to participate in this net. All amateur operators are invited to participate.

On the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, we host a VHF net on a Simplex frequency of 146.490 MHz (No PL tone needed). This net allows operators to test their emergency communication equipment should the repeaters go down. The date of the next VHF net will be Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm. Again, all amateur operators are invited to check - in to this net. This net conflicts with the BARS 6 meter net which is at 7 pm on Tuesdays. We are encouraging operators to check - in to BOTH nets on the third Tuesdays if possible.

Changes in the Organization Structure of Hillsborough ARES RACES

As you may know, Jon Rubin stepped down as Hillsborough County Emergency Coordinator as of December 8th, 2018. We thank Jon for his service for the past three years.

If you go to the Hillsborough ARES RACES website, hillsboroughares.org, click on "About Us" and then "Leadership," you will see several changes to the organization including several new staff assignments. As of 01/08/19, the website lists the following:

Appointments to the Command Staff are as follows:

Roy Drury, K4DCT, is now the Interim Emergency Coordinator
Bill Miller, N1CDO, is now the Executive Assistant Emergency Coordinator.
Matthew Gibson, K4MJG, is the AEC Public Relations Officer
Chris Chandler, K4DCG, is the AEC Safety Officer
Ken Watts, WA4NSV, is the AEC for Liaison

Appointments to the General Staff are as follows:

Bill Williams, AG4XQ is the AEC for Operations
Dawn Drury, K2WLS, is the AEC for Planning
Ian Renton, W4RIR, is the AEC for Training
Mike Fletcher, NI4M, is the AEC for Logistics
Lisa Graves, KM4NZI is the AEC for Administration
Dana Perrin, KM4DTJ, is the AEC for Communications.

These appointments make Hillsborough ARES RACES a completely ICS/NIMS Based Organization that fully integrates into the EOC going forward.

Technician, General, and Newly Licensed Amateur Operator Classes

On January 19th and February 2nd, Hillsborough ARES RACES will offer two courses: The Introductory Amateur Radio Technician Class Course, and the Intermediate General License Class Course each in a separate traditional classroom setting. Each course is taught over two days. A license exam is given in the afternoon on the second day. The dates of the courses are: January 19th (9 am to 5 pm) and February 2nd (9am to 5 pm). The cost of each course is \$40 which includes a book, study materials, and testing fee. Participants are encouraged to bring a government issued photo ID and to pre-register on hillsboroughares.org. Click on Upcoming Events.

The Brandon Amateur Radio Society, in conjunction with Hillsborough ARES RACES will again offer the course: AR-101, Amateur Radio for the Newly Licensed. The class gives a brief history of amateur radio and covers basic UHF and VHF operation as well as radio etiquette. Hand held radios will be demonstrated and some programming assistance will be available. The class will be held on Saturday, February 16th at the Bloomingdale Public Library in Valrico from 1 to 4 pm. All newly licensed amateur operators are cordially invited to attend.

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Until Next Month...HAVE FUN WITH RADIO!

Nets & Bulletins

Monday 8 p.m. The Two Meter Net 147.765 - 147.165 MHz - Hosted by Doris Haskell (WB9VDT)

Tuesday 7 p.m. 6-meter Roundtable 50.200 MHz USB

Tuesday 8 p.m. 10-meter Roundtable 28.365 MHz USB

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