THE ANTENNA BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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ARRL Summer Field Day Special

Hillsborough ARES/RACES Training and Information Net each Thursday at 7:30 pm

Hillsborough County ARES/RACES provides emergency communications in the Tampa Bay area during a critical event. Please join us for our weekly Hillsborough ARES/RACES Information and Training Net on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm on the N1CDO repeater in Tampa. Receive: 440.100 MHz, Transmit: 445.100 MHz, +5 MHz offset, PL tone 162.2. We feature info on ARES activities and upcoming EdVantage training classes. All check-ins are welcome!

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Field Day write up Debrief

On Saturday 22 June 2024 BARS participated in the ARRL summer field day by holding a cookout and field deployment of radio stations in Davis Park in Brandon Florida. BARS members that set up stations and operated stations were:

GOTA Station (phone and digital): Rodney Clark/KC4MMR, Richard Jones/KW4MB, Dave Welty/N4DLW

HF phone: Ken Watts/WA4NSV and Janet Watts/KB4PUM

CW station: Bill Johnson/N4NOA and Ron Perrett/K4FZU

10 Meter Station: Wayne Thomas/KM7WDT

Safety Officer: Karissa Hendershot/N3YDA

Cookout: Jim Stocks/KK4CWO

Field Day support: Karen Jacobi/K4KZF and Rick Farr/KK4CVD

Media Outreach: Marvin "JR" Calvert/W4MIG

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Field Day Coordinator: Jim Stocks/KK4CWO



A cookout was hosted by Jim Stocks (KK4CWO) and Rick Farr (KK4CVD). We received great support with a large quantity of side dishes and desserts that were provided by BARS members. Many thanks to those that supported the cookout. Everyone enjoyed the meal and had a great time! We counted 26 BARS members attending plus a number of other visitors that dropped by during the day.











We also had the WCF Assistant Section Manager Russ Delaney/N4RTD and Tech Coordinator Darrell Davis/KT4WX stop by which netted us some nice points. They were glad to see BARS operating in the field for Field Day.

Darrell was also cruising in a very nice Expolice Crown Vic loaded down with antennas. Looked like he was giving Dave Welty N4DLW and run for his money in the antenna department!



The GOTA station (phone and digital was busy and there was activity at the HF, CW and 10 Meter station. A reporter from the Brandon/Valrico Osprey Observer newspaper (Gunnar Wagner) stopped by to write a story about Field Day and spent over 1 1/2 hours interviewing BARS members and learning about ham radio and what Field Day is about. Look for a story in the next month's Osprey paper! Although we were limited to operating in Davis Park until sunset everyone enjoyed the location. We also had 2 potential new members stop by to visit and they also spent time at the GOTA station.



Richard Jones/KW4MB working the GOTA Digital Station









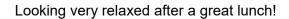




The GOTA station was super busy as a place many of our visitors stopped by to check out what was used for field communications. Rodney Clark's (KC4MMR) mini QRP rig was the star of the show!

The HF Phone Station was worked by Ken Watts/WA4NSV and Janet Watts/KB4PUM. They were also joined by Tim Courtier KB8AFC.





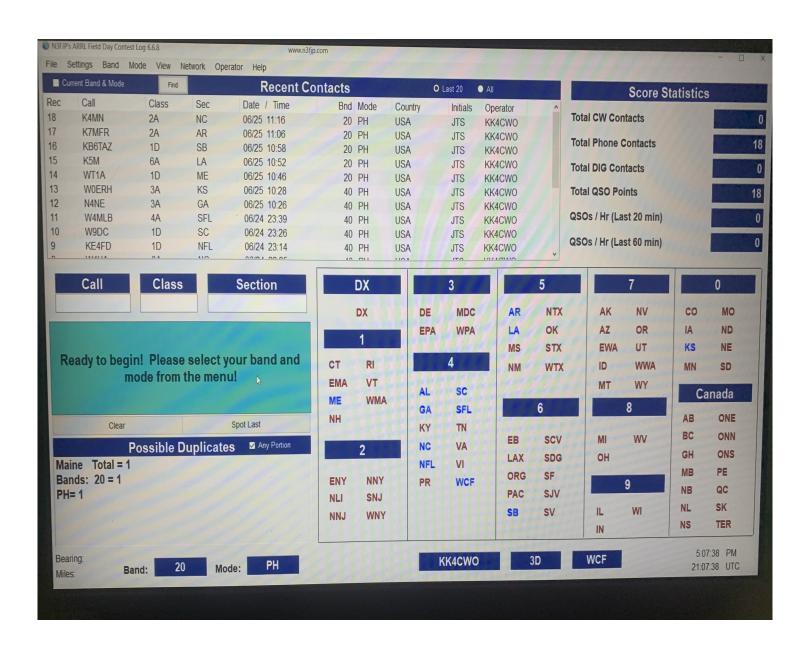


A 10 Meter Phone station was setup by Wayne Thomas/KM7WDT





BARS purchased N3FJP Field Day logging software for the club which was used on Field Day and it will be available for future Field Day events. For a number of years we used this software to do logging curiosity of Jim Smith (K4PPK). This year Rick Farr (KK4CVD) purchased the license for BARS so we ready for the long term.



BARS 2024 Field Day Results

Scoring Summary:

Entry received at: 2024-07-14 20:44:52

Call Used: K4TN GOTA Station Call: KC4MMR ARRL/RAC Section: WCF Class: 3A

Participants: 29 Club/Group Name: Brandon Amateur Radio Society

Power Source (s): Generator, Battery

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 1,300

Bonus Points:

100% emergency power 300

Media Publicity 100 - Documented by BARS FD Newspaper Article 2024.jpg

Public location 100 Public information table 100

W1AW Field Day message 100 - Documented by 2024 Field Day Message #5.pdf

Youth participation

(3 x 20, max of 100) 60

Safety officer 100 - Documented by 2024 FD Safety Officer Checklist.jpg

Social media 100
GOTA Station 60
GOTA Coach 100
Entry submitted via web 50

Total bonus points 1,170

Score Summary: (Cabrillo log/dupe sheet file: K4TN.dup)

CW Digital Phone Total

Total QSOs 25 0 15 Total Points 50 0 15

65 Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = 130

Submitted by: James T Stocks, KK4CWO

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

cw		Digital		Phone	
QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
25	100			2	100
				1	100
				12	100
25		0		15	
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