

THE ANTENNA

BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



Spring Edition

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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

Public Affairs: Karen Jacobi/K4KZF

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 Ex-police 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.



Looking very relaxed after a great lunch!



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.

N3FJP's ARRL Field Day Contest Log 6.6.8

www.n3fjp.com

File Settings Band Mode View Network Operator Help

Current Band & Mode

Find

Recent Contacts

Last 20

All

Rec	Call	Class	Sec	Date / Time	Bnd	Mode	Country	Initials	Operator
18	K4MN	2A	NC	06/25 11:16	20	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
17	K7MFR	2A	AR	06/25 11:06	20	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
16	KB8TAZ	1D	SB	06/25 10:58	20	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
15	K5M	6A	LA	06/25 10:52	20	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
14	WT1A	1D	ME	06/25 10:46	20	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
13	W0ERH	3A	KS	06/25 10:28	40	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
12	N4NE	3A	GA	06/25 10:26	40	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
11	W4MLB	4A	SFL	06/24 23:39	40	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
10	W9DC	1D	SC	06/24 23:26	40	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO
9	KE4FD	1D	NFL	06/24 23:14	40	PH	USA	JTS	KK4CWO

Score Statistics

Total CW Contacts	0
Total Phone Contacts	18
Total DIG Contacts	0
Total QSO Points	18
QSOs / Hr (Last 20 min)	0
QSOs / Hr (Last 60 min)	0

Call

Class

Section

Ready to begin! Please select your band and mode from the menu!

Clear

Spot Last

Possible Duplicates

Any Portion

Maine Total = 1

Bands: 20 = 1

PH= 1

DX

1

CT

EMA

ME

NH

RI

VT

WMA

2

ENY

NLI

NNJ

NNY

SNJ

WNY

3

DE

EPA

MDC

WPA

4

AL

GA

KY

NC

NFL

PR

SC

SFL

TN

VA

VI

WCF

5

AR

LA

MS

NM

NTX

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STX

WTX

6

EB

LAX

ORG

PAC

SB

SCV

SDG

SF

SJV

SV

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EWA

ID

MT

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WWA

WY

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Bearing:

Miles:

Band: 20

Mode: PH

KK4CWO

3D

WCF

5:07:38 PM

21:07:38 UTC

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)
160m							
80m							
40m							
20m		25	100			2	100
15m							
10m							
6m						1	100
2m							
222							
432							
Other							
Satellite							
GOTA						12	100
TOTAL		25		0		15	