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**The Brandon Amateur Radio Society Newsletter**

OVER 40 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE BRANDON AREA  
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### Come to the Club Meeting Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>

Come out to the meeting this month at **Arise Assembly of God 710 South Kings Avenue in the sanctuary.** Things get underway at 7:30 p.m. when Scott W8UFO bangs the gavel to start things off.

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### This Month's Program: Merchant Marine Morse Operators

This program is the story of the Merchant Marine Radio Operators during WWII moving the bullets, beans, and bandages to the front to fight the war. Not only putting up with QRM and QSB, they had to dodge bombs, enemy planes and submarines. Watch these interviews with the guys who pounded the brass and moved the supplies to win the war. You even get a few glimpses of the S.S. American Victory!! Pictured here is Don Berger W4CQC, one of the people interviewed for the program.

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### Scott Shares Some Field Day Information

Hello BARS Members and Friends!

ARRL Field Day was held on June 24-25, 2017 at Davis Park in Brandon (612 N. Parsons Avenue). Our call was K4TN and we operated as class 2A with a GOTA station using the call KC4MMR. Our score of 3,066 points placed us 542nd of 2,964 total entries, which is in the top 18%. We were 7th of 24 in

the West Central Florida Section, 45th of 232 in the Southeastern Division, and 98th of 389 nationally in class 2A.

We had 24 participants throughout the weekend, had a wonderful pre-event picnic, and had an article published in the *Osprey Observer*! We also got some new members as a result of the event. Numerous participants commented that it was one of the most memorable club field day events.

**THANK YOU for all of the work you did!**

Don't miss out! Mark your calendar now for **Field Day 2018!** It will be held during the weekend of June 23-24. If you are interested in chairing/coordinating this event please let me know.

73,

Scott Irwin, W8UFO

President, Brandon Amateur Radio Society

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**Upcoming events at Hillsborough County RACES**

Dawn Drury K2WLS passed along information from Hillsborough County RACES.



**If you are interested in learning CW please contact Biff Craine K4LAW via email at [biffcraine@icloud.com](mailto:biffcraine@icloud.com). Biff will be teaching a CW class at the PSOC coming up sometime in the next 30 to 60 days.**

**Simplex Net** - every 3rd Wednesday of the month is the ARES Simplex Net. The net is held on 146.500 no PL. The net is used as a tool to see who can hear us and who we can hear while operating from the radio in the PSOC located on E Columbus. November 15th and December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Get to Know Your Radio Night** - every 3rd Wednesday of the month ARES has Get to Know Your Radio Night. This is from 7pm to 9pm at the PSOC on E Columbus. We discuss all things Amateur Radio. Need help programming a radio? Bring your radio, programming cable and software. While we have most software it is better to be safe than sorry! November 15th and December 20th.

**Tampa Bay Hamfest will be December 8th and 9th.** We will need volunteers to come help set up, staff out booth and help take down on the last day. This is a Friday and Saturday event. On Saturday Jon Rubin EC for our group will be speaking in one of the forums.

**Open House December 16th and Get to Know your Radio Day** will be from 9am-? Come see the new PSOC if you have not had the chance to do so, meet up with other hams from the hobby.

**January 20th and February 3rd will be the class dates for the next Technician and General Class Licenses.** The cost of the class is \$40 that includes class materials and testing fee. The classes will start at 9am and run till 5pm on the first day. The second day class will start at 9am with testing beginning at 3pm.

**Interested in upgrading to Amateur Extra Class?** Feel intimidated by the material? Have no more worries! ARES is excited to be offering an Amateur Extra Study Group.

The first meeting of the group will be January 20th at 10am at the PSOC. We will be using the Gordon West book and these can be purchased from many online outlets. The first meeting will be where it is decided how the study group will be run, when to meet, where to meet, how long to meet. And so forth.

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**Keep in Mind Our Weekly Nets and 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 followed at 8 p.m. with the 10 Meter Roundtable 28.365 MHz USB**

**Send us your articles AND PICTURES! We do much more in the digital format! I would like to have pictures of BARS members and their ham shacks!**

**Remember to check out the BARS website:**

**[brandonhamradio.org](http://brandonhamradio.org)**