



### **Come to the Club Meeting Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### **FIELD DAY 2017**

The major item of discussion at this month's meeting will be finalizing the arrangements and plans for FIELD DAY which will occur on 24 and 25 June this year.

Over the years there have been lots of traditions formed, memories made at Field Day events, and in recent years some new changes as new technologies have gained a foothold in Amateur Radio. For BARS the mode that has always gotten the greatest number of contacts and the highest number of points has been CW. The old saw that CW gets through when other modes don't has been proven time and time again during Field Day operations. However, past years have shown an increase in enthusiasm from the phone guys and during some of the recent Field Day operations they have worked more contacts than the CW station!



In recent years a new mode has been proving highly effective in Field Day point totals: PSK31. BARS tried on a part time basis in 2004. The in 2005 BARS decided to go into the 3A class and operate SSB, CW, and PSK stations. The effort paid off in higher points.

Logging has probably seen the greatest change over the years. For decades the logging was done on paper sheets complete with coffee stains and bug splats. For the past few years BARS has operated with computerized logs. No more sheets of paper blowing around, now operators type on computer keyboards and use logging programs that automatically alert them to duplicate contacts (dupes) and section totals.

One thing holds true for all Field Day operations: **There is no better time to get some hands-on experience than at Field Day.** Setting up antennas and equipment can provide great experience in getting a station on the air during emergency conditions. Operating experience acquired during FD can pay off in disaster situations as well as in other radio contests. Come on out, help out, and have fun!

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**The Night of Nights is Coming Next Month**  
**Tune in on the evening of 12 July for the Music of Morse on the Maritime Airwaves**  
**Wednesday Night July 12<sup>th</sup> The Night of Nights**

Next month, Wednesday night the 12<sup>th</sup> of July at 8 p.m. is the start of the annual NIGHT OF NIGHTS. For the uninitiated the question comes to mind: What is the Night of Nights? Each year the Maritime Radio Historical Society (MRHS) ([radiomarine.org](http://radiomarine.org)) commemorates 12 July 1999, the date on which the supposed last commercial message was sent in the U.S. On that date the true believers pick up the thread, keep the faith and maintain the traditions of maritime radio communications so that the skills and traditions of the ocean going and coastal station radio telegraphers who came before us will be maintained.



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The main organizer of this event is the crew at the MRHS in Bolinas, California at coastal station KSM/KPH. Other coastal and ship stations will participate as well. Things get underway at 8 p.m. on Wednesday night and continue into the wee hours of Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July as coastal stations and ships once again take to the airwaves in Morse. Pictured here is Rod Deakin (SK) tuning up KSM transmitters on the first Night of Nights.

Here is a preliminary (tentative) list of some participating stations and frequencies for the event.

**KPH**

KPH will transmit on 426, 500, 4247.0, 6477.5, 8642.0, 12808.5, 17016.8 and 22477.5kc. MF and 22Mc will be on Henry transmitters, rest of KPH HF on 1950s vintage RCA K and L sets. KPH operators will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and ITU Channel 3 in all HF bands. The Channel 3 frequencies for ship transmissions are 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5kc Reception reports may be sent to:

Maritime Radio Historical Society

P.O. Box 392

Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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**KFS**

KFS will transmit on 12695.5 and 17026.0 kc. 12695.5 will be on a 1940s vintage Press Wireless PW-15, formerly at the KFS transmitter site in Palo Alto, CA and one of the transmitters on the air on 12 July 1999.

17026.0 will be on a 1990 vintage Henry HF5000D transmitter. KFS will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and HF Channel 3: 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5kc . Reception reports may be sent to:

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### **KSM**

KSM will transmit on 426, 500, 6474, 8438.3 and 12993kc. We don't have enough antennas to accommodate the other KSM frequencies when KPH and KFS are on the air. A failure of any of the RCA transmitters may cause a KSM tx to be diverted to cover KPH. KSM will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and HF Channel 3: 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5 kc.

Reception reports may be sent to: Maritime Radio Historical Society  
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### **WLO**

WLO will transmit on 2055.5 (tentative), 4343.0, 8658.0, 12992.0 and 16968.5kc WLO will listen for calls from ships on HF Channel 3: 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5kc

Reception reports may be sent to:

WLO Radio  
7700 RINLA AVENUE  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36619  
USA

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### **KLB**

KLB in Seattle will transmit on 488, 500 (A1 & A2), 8582.5kc  
KLB will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and 8368.0kc.

Reception reports may be sent to the address for WLO:

WLO Radio  
7700 RINLA AVENUE

MOBILE, ALABAMA 36619

USA

### **S.S. AMERICAN VICTORY/KKUI**

Here in Tampa the WWII Victory ship *SS AMERICAN VICTORY/KKUI* will be on the air attempting contact with all the coast stations above. They'll use the best calling frequency for the prevailing propagation at the time but they usually call KSM on 12552.0. Depending on propagation and which stations the ship is trying to work they may also use these frequencies: 6276.0, 8368.0, and 16736.0 kc. Pictured here are Jim Howell W4LNI and Tommy Beard W4KVA tuning up the ship HF transmitter on board the *S. S. American Victory*.



### **K6KPH**

Amateur station K6KPH will transmit and listen on 3550, 7050, 14050, 18097, and 21050kc for KPH, KFS and KSM reception reports . K6KPH verification reports may be sent to:

Maritime Radio Historical Society, P.O. Box 392, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 USA.

For the latest developments as Night of Nights approaches check the Maritime Radio Historical Society website:

[www.radiomarine.org](http://www.radiomarine.org).

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That wraps it up for this month. Have fun with radio!!

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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)**