

**Come out for the BARS Meeting
Thursday November 15th**

Thursday is our meeting date at ARISE Assembly of God at 401 Pauls Drive in Brandon. Things get underway at 7:30 p.m. when Scott bangs the gavel to start things off.

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**ARES Training Tidbit - November 1, 2018
Dana Perrin KM4DTJ**

Do you know what the ICS-205 and ICS-217 forms are used for? Form ICS-217 is used to denote all radio frequencies available to the responding organization. It includes the system or cache name, channel name, function of the frequency, frequency details, who will use the channel, and what the purpose of the channel is. It also contains channel numbers that members should use when programming their radios. For example, Channel 1 on the ICS-217 could be channel 1 or 101 in your radio to help you find frequencies faster, especially since you may be told to go to a specific channel.



Form ICS-205 is used to record what frequencies or channels were used during a specific incident response and includes a subset of the information found in Form ICS-217 plus remarks. We urge you to go to <http://www.hillsboroughares.org/> to download the ICS-217 and use it to program your radio. To find it on the website click on Members, then Document & Forms, then Communications Plans. While you are there, familiarize yourself with the other documents. I'll cover these in other training tidbits segments.

Scott Irwin gave the above "Training Tidbit" during one of the

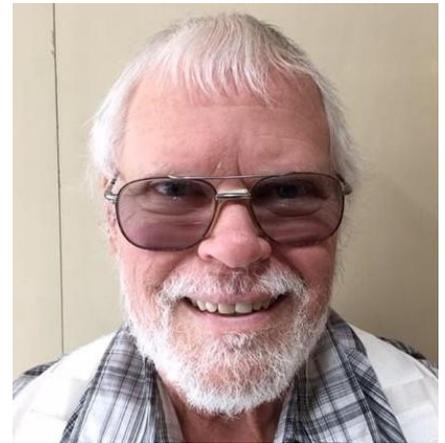
Hillsborough ARES RACES UHF Nets. These nets are held every Thursday at 7:30 pm on the W4BCI repeater which operates on a receive frequency of 444.225 Megahertz, with a 5 Megahertz positive offset, and a PL tone of 146.2 Hertz. We are looking for additional Net Control Operators for this net. We invite all amateur operators to participate in this net.

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Ken Watts
Amateur Operator of the Month
Dana Perrin KM4DTJ

In this edition of the Antenna, we honor Ken Watts (WA4NSV) who has been an active BARS member for the past 3 years.

Ken was born in Joliet, Illinois and moved to Orlando with his family at an early age. He moved to Brandon in 1989 and interestingly, he and his wife, Janet (KB4PUM) bought a house previously owned by Wayne Kocher (WK4AE). Some of you may remember Wayne as he was an active operator in the Brandon area. Ken and Janet met at a Secular Franciscan Congress at Rollins College.



Ken earned a Master's degree in Music and another Master's degree in Counseling. He played trumpet in the Air Force Band and was stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines and Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS. With a rank of E4 at discharge, he returned to USF and after graduation, started a Mental Health counseling career. After 21 years, he closed his practice to become a full-time musician. He currently leads the Praise Band at the First Presbyterian Church of Brandon and he is the Choir Director for St. Patrick's Church in Tampa. He also is the Music Conductor for the Eastern Hillsborough Community Band. You might have heard him on the nets announcing upcoming concerts. In addition to trumpet, Ken has also played the electric bass guitar.

Ken is a member of the Third Order, Society of St. Francis in the Episcopal Church, striving to live a Franciscan life in a secular world. He frequently describes himself as an Ecumenist, where as an Episcopalian, he has worked and worshiped in Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Roman Catholic churches.

When asked about current priorities, Ken says that the three pillars of his life are: Franciscan Spirituality, Amateur Radio, and Music, which are all shared by Janet.

Now for a few bullet points:

Top two things on your Bucket List:

Visit Assisi, Italy (where Saint Francis lived).

Take a burro ride to the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Favorite quotations:

"Never try to teach a pig to sing. You'll frustrate yourself and irritate the pig."

"Sometimes when you're up to your ass in alligators, it's difficult to remember that the mission is to drain the swamp."

Favorite Movie or TV show:

Blue Bloods TV Show.

Tell about a significant mentor in your life:

Ken was inspired and encouraged by a high school band director who played trumpet at his Church two times a year. He also appreciated the Elmering he received when he started to get into Amateur Radio.

Tell about some accomplishments of which you are proud:

Completing two master's degrees despite many obstacles.
Passing his General Exam with 7 WPM Morse Code!
Building a Heathkit HW-101 5 band Transceiver.

How and when did you become interested in Amateur Radio?

Ken was in awe of a transceiver he saw for the first time in his neighbor's house when he was 14 years old. He earned his Novice license while he was in the Air Force.

What are your plans for the future?

"Keep Breathing."

Ken and Janet operate FM and SSB on three HF rigs: Heathkit HW-101, Swan 500 C, and Yaesu 450D. There is a Yaesu 857 in their car. In addition, they have a Yaesu Hand held with Fusion and a TYT DMR Handheld. Their antenna collection consists of a tower with a beam antenna for 10m, 15m, and 20m, a 2m beam, and a 40m dipole. He plans to add a 10m - 80m end fed dipole in the future. Ken is active in CERT and Hillsborough ARES RACES as well as BARS.

We are very lucky to have Ken as a member of BARS. If you see him at one of our breakfasts, be sure to say: "Hello!"

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**The BARS Shirt Saga
UPDATE
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As I promised at our last meeting, I have continued to do research into BARS Shirts. The feedback I received was that members wanted shirt colors other than black, a full four color logo, and the option for Polo style shirts. There was also concern about sizes running larger than typical shirts.

As of this date, I have contacted three shirt printing vendors, including the vendor of the shirts we acquired many years ago with our BARS Logo (Gotcha Covered). I also contacted the vendor of shirts recently made for Hillsborough ARES RACES. Here is a summary of what I have learned so far.

Gotcha Covered was recently bought by a very nice couple who are quite willing to make the shirts but they require a 50 shirt minimum. They were unable to find the artwork for the BARS logo in their system so they could not tell me what we paid for the order we placed many years ago. This vendor also has the ability to produce shirts with an embroidered logo. The vendor did not recommend this because they felt there would be wrinkling of the embroidered area due to our logo having so much white in the background. They felt the embroidered area would likely not lay flat when the shirt was worn. There is also a one-time set up charge of \$50 for the embroidery pattern.

The vendor of the ARES RACES shirts has not yet provided a price quotation.

The third vendor is Big Frog who made the black shirt shown in the last Antenna Newsletter and at the last BARS Monthly Meeting. The Big Frog vendor is willing to make custom single shirts with your name and call sign and in a wide variety of colors with a simple one color logo, a logo with two colors, three colors, or the full four color logo. They can provide both T-shirt as well as Polo style shirts in a wide array of sizes and colors. The price ranges from \$28 plus tax for the T-shirt with a color logo, to \$49 plus tax for the T-shirt with the full four color logo. For a Polo style shirt, prices range from \$30.40 plus tax for the one color logo, to \$58.40 plus tax for the full four color logo. Prices are estimates as some shirt prices increase slightly in the 2X, 3X,...5X sizes. AND... you can go to their store on Lithia Pinecrest to pick out your shirt color and to try on a blank shirt to make sure it fits before you have them print the logo on that shirt. If you want a shirt style or shirt color that they do not carry, they can usually order it for you, or they can order something close. If you decide to get your shirt at the Big



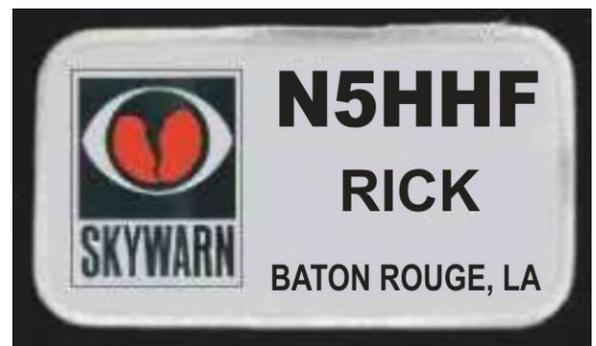
Frog, you can give the name "Dana Perrin" which will allow them to pull up the BARS logo on their design computer. You will be able to see your final shirt design on their computer before you pay. Big Frog is located at 3478 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Valrico FL 33596. It's on the west side of the road near the Fresh Market, and behind Panera.

One of the other options that several of the club members had suggested was a patch with the BARS logo on it. I have received three quotations on patches ranging from \$10 to \$17 per patch. The Sign Man of

Baton Rouge will accept an order for a single patch (total with shipping is around \$17 per patch). The other two patch vendors have a 10 patch minimum. The cost of the patch does not include the cost of the shirt, and the patch must be stitched onto the shirt (not a hard thing to do). There are patches with iron-on adhesive which do not require stitching. The feedback I heard from the vendors is that the iron-on patches do not survive multiple washings very well compared to the stitched on patch. The Sign Man of Baton Rouge includes the member's call sign and name in the patch. The other vendors do not include this (as they have a 10 patch minimum).

We can discuss all this further at the next monthly meeting.

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That's it for this month. Have fun with radio!

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!

Remember to check out the BARS website:

brandonhamradio.org