



### **Come to the Club Meeting Thursday July 20<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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### **July Program: The HAMVENTION!**

The program for this month is a presentation on the 2017 Dayton Hamfest by Bill Johnson, WJ4G, with the help of Dave Welty, N4DLW. They will show pictures and talk about the sights and sounds at the first Dayton Hamfest at the new Xenia site.

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### **T H A N K   Y O U**

### **To Brandon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Volunteers**

Fred N3BUL passed along a big thank you to those who put in the time, effort, (and sweat) to provide the communications for the Brandon Fourth of July Parade. Communications is key to making this event a success. Once again, Amateur Radio communications filled a gap that cellular communications, and other modes could not.

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### **Report from WB9UJS on the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Night of Nights**

This past July 12<sup>th</sup> marked the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Night of Night event. 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 in the Maritime Service was sent in the U.S. On the anniversary of 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.



I first heard about this event from Misty Nickerson NV1F several years ago. I've been listening to Night of Nights transmissions for about 10 or 11 years and have been able to fire up on the commercial bands a few times during the past few years as well. I had planned to be on board the *S.S. American Victory* this year, but changes in work schedules made that impossible. Wednesday turned out to be a 12-hour day and there was no way to take Thursday off either, so I did a little listening at home and sent a reception report via the ham bands to K6KPH in California.. Modern radios made checking the myriad of frequencies in use easy: I loaded about 38 frequencies into the memories of the TS-2000

and just kept scrolling through and logging the signals heard. Here is an edited copy of my activity log for the event:

### NIGHT OF NIGHTS 2017RADIO LOG

DATE 2017	Time UTC	Station	Freq MHz	Mode	SINPO	Remarks	QSL S R
13 JULY	0006	KPH	6.477			WEAK SIGNAL FROM KPH	
	0007	KPH	22.477.5			KPH VERY WEAK	
	0008	KPH	8.642			QRK 3 QSA 4 RUNNING THE WHEEL 12.808 VY GOOD TOO	
	00:11	KFS	12.695			ROLLING IN HERE QRK5 QSA5 LATER CALLING KKUI!!	
	0053	KPH	12.808			REALLY COMING IN QRK 5 NOW.	
	0102	KFS	17.026			WEAK BUT USEABLE. DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR THEM ON 17 MHZ.	
	0106	KKUI	8.638			HEARD ON FREQUENCY CALLING NMC	
	0121	K6KPH	14.050	CW	50005	PASSED SIGNAL REPORT ES RECEPTION OF KPH KFS ES KKUI.	
	0139	NMC	8.574			PASSING WX INFO	
	0144	NMC	6.383			QRK3 QSA3	
	0146	KPH	6.477	CW		READABLE SIGNAL, BUT NOT STRONG ES SOME QRM.	
GREAT E-MAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES FROM DON BERGER W4CQC, DALE K9EJI, AND BERNIE W4BGH..							
	0150					QRT	

## **Brookhaven Laboratories Special Event Station Operating through 22 July**

The Brookhaven National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club is hosting a special event to celebrate the Lab's 70th Anniversary. It is also the 100th Anniversary of Camp Upton Army camp, the property on which BNL resides. The BNLARC will operate beginning Sunday, July 16, 2017 and continue through Saturday, July 22, 2017. A Schedule of operating times and frequencies will be listed on our Special QRZ page at [www.qrz.com/db/K2BNL](http://www.qrz.com/db/K2BNL). A copy of the special certificate is also viewable on this page. A link will be provided on this page for all contacts to request an email containing the pdf certificate back to you. Give us some time to enter all log entries into the certificate database.

For any additional information or questions please email [k2bnl@bnl.gov](mailto:k2bnl@bnl.gov).

We are looking forward to working as many clubs as we can. The Laboratory is holding a special Summer Sunday open to the community to kick this off - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be on the air during this time period to start our week-long special event station - K2BNL - Listen for us.

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### **W4CQC Turns 90!**

Don Berger, W4CQC, who has spoken at our club meetings and has attended some BARS events marked his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday 16 July with many friends and well-wishers in attendance. Members and leaders of Boy Scout organizations as well as members of the American Victory Radio Club joined together for fun, food, and good times on Sunday afternoon. Don was working the commercial Morse circuit on the S.S. American Victory on Saturday when he received this message from the Maritime Radio Historical Society:



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**SANFRANCISCO RADIO/KPH/KFS 1900 GMT JUL 15**

**CHIEF OPERATOR DON BERGER**

**SS AMERICAN VICTORY/KKUI**

**EVERYONE HERE WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY NINETIETH BIRTHDAY STOP WISHING YOU MANY MORE YEARS OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS STOP MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SEVEN DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE AND TO MARITIME RADIO STOP YOU CONTINUE TO BE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL STOP**

**BEST REGARDS**

**YOUR FRIENDS AT THE MARITIME RADIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

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Mark

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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)**