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News Highlights!

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Summer Field Day 2023

By Jim Smith, K4PPK

If you missed "IT" there will be another one next year.

Field Day this year was like no other Field Day I have ever experienced. It only lasted six hours and ten minutes. You might think that would reduce the number of contacts we made. You might think we did not contact all fifty states. You might think we did not contact all of the Canadian Provinces. And you might think we did not have as much fun. Well you would be wrong because we did have as much fun!

I am attaching our Field Day results in the form of the report I filed with the ARRL of our activities along with a map showing all of the ARRL sections, States and Provinces we did contact.

In summary we did OK for such a short Field Day. Special recognition should go to those that volunteered to set up and run one of the five BARS Field Day stations: Richard (KW4MB)- Digital station as well as overall Field Day Chairman; Ken (WA4NSV) and Janet (KB4PUM)- Phone station; Bill (N4NOA)-CW station; Dave (N4DLW) VHF/UHF station and Rod(KC4MMR)- GOTA station. In addition to these there were those that assisted in setting up the stations or antennas or generators or the myriad of other small things required to get a station on the air. And without those that operated the stations during Field Day, all the other work would have been to no avail. So, in addition to the aforementioned station chiefs, thank you goes to Ron ((K4FZU), Donnie (KI4DT), Jim (WF4AC), Allen (W4TJW), Mark (KO4WPK), Tim (N4HOZ), Wayne (KM4VRZ), Karen (K4KZF), Dick (KJ6FNV), Kelly (KE4GS), Rick (KK4CVD), Karissa ((N3YDA) and Fred (N3BUL). Whether you were a radio operator or a member of the support staff or just lent support to Field Day by your presence, thanks for coming out for Field Day.

A special thank you goes to Jim (KK4CWO) for serving all of us a wonderful lunch Saturday. I know that a great deal of work went into getting us all fed. Thank you Jim.

I also know that you should never list the people you want to recognize because someone will inevitably be left out. So if you were left out

Jim (K4PPK)

Your Friendly Field Day Scribe

2023 Field Day Photos



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BARS Field Day list Attendees

Rodney Clark	KC4MMR	GOTA station
Donny Tomlinson	KI4DT	GOTA station
Alan Boatman	W4TJW	GOTA station
Mark Best	KO4WPK	GOTA station
Wayne Thorn	KM4DLW	UHF/VHF station
Dave Welty	N4DLW	Digital/6 meters/Satellite
Jim Smith	K4PPK	Digital/6 meters/Satellite
Richard Jones	KW4MB	Digital/6 meters/Satellite
Ken Watts	WA4NSV	SSB Phone
Janet Watts	KP4PUM	SSB Phone
Bill Johnson	N4NOA	CW
Ron Perrett	K4FZU	CW
Jim Stocks	KK4CWO	Cook

Other members in attendance:

Karen Jacobi	K4KZF
Dick Capell	KJ5FNV
Kelly Anderson	KF4SRC
Rick Farr	KK4CVD
Tim Campbell	N4HOZ
Jim Moorehead	WF4AC
Fred Hendershot	N3BUL
Karissa Hendershot	N3YDA

Field Day Menu :

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Pulled BBQ pork and Pulled Chicken
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw
Mac and Cheese
3-bean Salad, Pasta Salad
Brownies, Cookies
Potato Chips, Key Lime pie

Summary

Entry received at: 2023-06-29 04:19:07 UTC

Submitted by: Jim Smith, K4PPK E-mail: k4ppkjim@gmail.com

Call Used: K4TN GOTA Station Call: KC4MMR ARRL/RAC

Section: WCF Class: 3A

Participants: 23 Club/Group Name: Brandon Amateur Radio Society

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 1,573

Bonus Points:

<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Status</u>
100% emergency power	300	
Public location	100	
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100	*Message to Section Manager.pdf
W1AW Field Day message	100	* W1AW Bulletin 2023.pdf
Formal messages handled (10 x 10, max of 100)	100	* Message Handling (10).pdf
Natural power QSOs completed	100	* Alternate Power.pdf
Site visit by invited served agency	100	* (files previously uploaded)
Youth participation (1 x 20, max of 100)	20	
GOTA Station	35	
Entry submitted via web	50	
Total bonus points	1,005	

Contact Summary Score:	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	Claimed Score: = (QSO points x power mult) = 568
Total QSOs	62	69	22		
Total Points	124	138	22	284	

Field Day Points

Total

Bonus Points: 1005

Contact Points: 568

Grand Total: 1573

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown: CW

Digital

Phone

Band	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m						
40m	17	100				
20m	23	100	55	100	6	100
15m	22	100	13	100		
10m					1	100
6m					3	100
2m					3	100
222						
432					3	100
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA					7	100
Total	62		69		22	

Name

Call

QSOs

Bonus Points

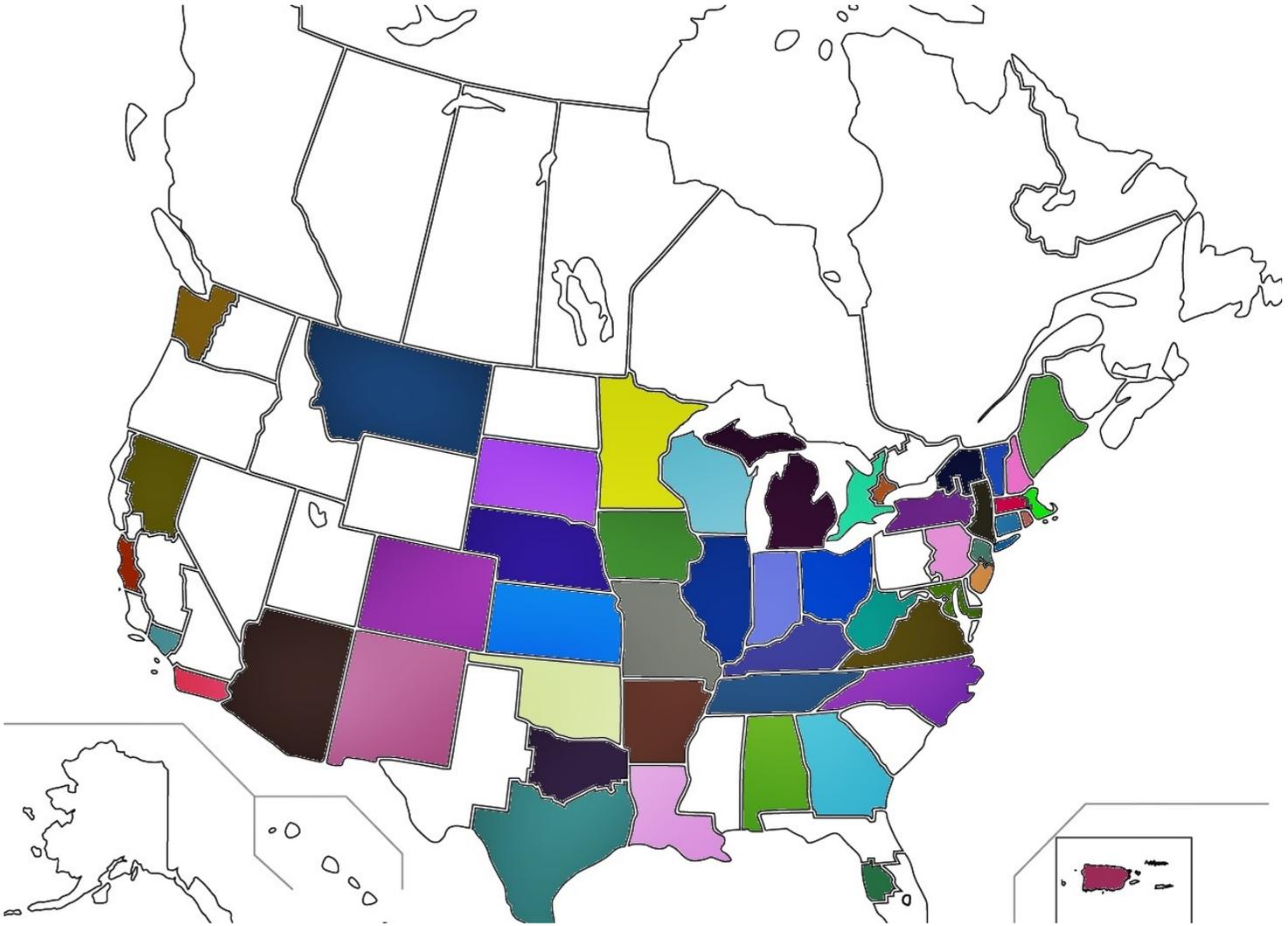
Gunny

None

7

35

Duncan



Special Recognition Events

VE Testing

Charles Smith, KQ4HRN receives his CSCE and congratulations from Jim Smith K4PPK after passing his Extra Class exam at our 3 June test session.



The VE team also reported for June 9 candidates passed (4 Tech, 2 General, 2 Extra and 1 passed both Tech & General.

Membership News

The following persons received membership certificates and became new members of BARS.

Brian Gould KQ4JCU, Roger Jones KM4CDS, Larry Gansz K3KA, Other new members that joined during the summer were: Dean Dickerson KO4SSP,



Remote member update

TO MY DEAR FRIENDS AT BARS

I hope that everyone is well, and I know that all of you are keeping up the exemplary work that you do with BARS, Especially in the time of hurricane season.

I am well, love my new home and enjoy living close to my Grandchildren and other members of my family. I live Outside of Austin in a fifty-five and over community, really love it here, but I have not been able to conquer the horrors Of HOA living, or find an Amateur Radio Club comparable to BARS.

I truly miss BARS. BARS is a very special group of people that not only enjoy the amateur radio hobby, but really have their hearts set in helping the needs of others. Its Activities kept me useful and active, BARS is very special.

Williamson County Amateur Radio Club, is the local Amateur Radio Club in the area, other than a meeting once a month and checking into the net on Monday nights there really is not much activity. The Field Day was held in Granger, too far for me to drive to and as I understand it there really wasn't many people that took part in the activities.

I am currently at a stalemate, between the problems with the HOA, my antennas, and the inactivity and lack of camaraderie with the members of WCARC. I do not believe there is an Amateur Radio Group as active, friendly and knowledgeable in their duties as BARS and their willingness to help others. I truly miss BARS and its members, keep up the good work.

Thank you for your friendship and all that you taught me, all that I learned about Amateur Radio I learned from My friends at BARS.

Stay safe 73 to everyone,

Angie V. angievaz41@gmail.com

KI4RUC

Brandon 2023 July 4th parade

BARS participated in the Brandon July 4th parade which was the first for Brandon Florida since 2019 due to COVID-19.

We had a number of BARS participants that came out and supported the event and help make the parade a success.

Yowza, the parade is BAAAACK!

by Jim Moorehead/WF4AC

After a four year hiatus due to COVID, the Brandon Round Table launched its annual 4th of July parade. BARS was again asked to provide critical communications for the parade as well as administrative radios for the organizers. Seventeen club members assisted in directing volunteers to the site, managing participants line up, notification of missing participants, coordination with the announcer, safety observers and Sheriff coordination. Every year we deal with late or missing participants, heat related emergencies, and a difficult, noisy communications environment. But, as HAMS, we make it happen smoothly. This year we even had a "float" thanks to Roger Jones/KM4CDS for donating his truck. Fred Hendershot/N3BUL even designed the banners.

Here are our volunteers:

Fred Hendershot/N3BUL Leader/Organizer
Jim Moorehead/WF4AC NET CONTROL Ride with Parade Marshall
Janet Watts/KB4PUM + Entry Station at Lumsden & Kings
Kathy Allen/KF4SRC
Bill Johnson/N4NOA Reviewing Stand
Ken Watts/WA4NSV Division 1
Karissa Hendershot/N3YDA + Division 2
Jose Morales/KQ4CKU
Richard Jones/KW4MB Division 3
Jim Stocks/KK4CWO Division 4
Kelly Anderson/KE4GS Traffic Advisor #1-Parsons at Vonderburg
Ron Perrett/K4FZU + Traffic Advisor #3-Parsons at Robertson
Brian Gould/KQ4JCU
Jack Kramer/WY2T Traffic Advisor #4-Robertson at Moon
Mary Ann Kramer/N2RPW
Karissa Hendershot/N3YDA Traffic Advisor #5-Robertson at King
KenWatts/WA4NSV + Traffic Advisor #6-Robertson at Finish Line
Janet/KB4PUM
Dave Welty/N4DLW SHERIFF'S COMMAND POST
Roger Jones/KM4CDS Brandon Parade Truck—with Fred Hendershot/N3BUL

A special thanks goes to John Landsberger/K0LUX and Timothy/KB8AFS from BCI Communications for lending us the Motorola radios for parade administrative staff to use.

So, planning for next year has begun. We certainly could use NEW volunteers to learn the ropes from our veterans. We'll be asking earlier next year, so get your HT radios in order.

BARS serving the Brandon community is an honor!

July 4th Breakfast meeting

Here's the BARS division leaders receiving final instructions before the 4th of July parade - Richard KW4MB, Karissa N3YDA, Ken WA4NSV, Randall (parade marshal), and Jim KK4CWO. A special thanks goes out to Burger King for hosting us.



DAYTON HAMVENTION By Janet Watts

The Dayton Hamvention was held on May 19 – 21 at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio. Ken and I took a road trip there, stopping at some interesting museums in our travels.

Since rain was predicted for Friday night, we headed to the flea market on Friday morning, just to look around. Then while Ken went to see all of the new equipment on display, I went to a forum about the partnership of NOAA and NWS with amateur radio. A local meteorologist gave an interesting presentation of charts, radar, and pictures of tornadoes, but she emphasized the importance of the SkyWarn hams in verifying a tornado touchdown. She thought that many lives were saved by the information received via ham radio. Good job!

On Saturday I went to a forum given by the Ham of the Year – Carsten Dauer, DM9EE. He lives in Germany, and when the war in Ukraine broke out, he knew he had to help. He owns a small hotel and restaurant, and he loaded his van with supplies and drove to the Poland-Ukraine border. After distributing supplies to refugees, he found two mothers with children and drove them back to stay with him. His neighbors donated so much clothing and toys that he drove a full van back to the border and brought more families back to Germany. He heard that hams in Ukraine had their equipment destroyed or stolen during attacks, so he sent out word across Europe by radio that he wanted equipment donations, and boy, did he get it. He loaded his van with the donations many times all while bringing back more families. What an amazing story. Great job!



We also went to forums on System Fusion, AARL-Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Ham Radio Deluxe, and AARL-Youth Outreach. We covered all three buildings (many times!) with the big companies and the two buildings that housed the smaller companies and along with all kinds of organizations dealing with ham radio. One evening we went to the open house at the DARA clubhouse (huge antennas!). We stayed until the end on Sunday, but they didn't pick our numbers in the drawings. Maybe next time!

President's Desk—The final word

Greetings fellow BARS Members!

As I write this, we are recovering from Hurricane Idalia. While not a direct hit, actually the center was way out in the Gulf, it still brought many impacts to the region in the way of high winds, flooding, and property damage. Hopefully everyone's equipment, antennas, and other property were spared. Many thanks go to the hams who volunteer their time and efforts to communicate with storm shelters and the EOC.

On another note, a nominations committee will be formed during the September meeting. This is an important role within our organization. They are tasked with seeking out volunteers to run for various positions within the organization. A couple of incumbents have expressed interest in moving on and not running again, so it is going to be even more important that people step forward both for the nominations committee and for the roles when the committee calls.

73's,

Steve, NS4M