

Section Manager's Message
October 2016

*Good Day to You! I hope this message finds you enjoying the Greatest Hobby and Service in the World!
No changes in the EC listing; newsletter is attached.*

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is here! This Saturday/Sunday, October 1st and 2nd. <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/get-set-for-the-set-arrl-2016-simulated-emergency-test-is-october-1-2-weekend> . The SET is a locally operated exercise to help with skill and relationship building with local served agencies. I encourage all groups to locally "activate" and test equipment and plans.

Hurricane Hermine made landfall in the Big Bend/Tallahassee area a few weeks ago. While the After Action analysis is still in progress, based on the news releases, comments from public safety officials, and the local reports from the ARES leadership, it appears we did very well in our efforts. A few issues that came up (no HF propagation for one!) will be addressed in a future document to all involved. But from where I sit, we did not overreact, did not freelance, did not embarrass our service. We did work with our local served agencies, we did figure out what was needed (and we provided it when asked) and we did make a positive, professional image. THANK YOU to all that worked (and may be still working) during this event.

STAY SAFE! Keep monitoring your local news, NHC, NWS, or whatever to be up-to-date on the storm out there. We still have two more months of Hurricane Season left!

I was able to visit the Gainesville ARS for an evening, and spend a day with the great folks in Pensacola at the Five Flags Hamfest, great stuff by great people!!! I enjoyed both visits, and as always appreciate the warm and friendly reception! My only scheduled visit for the month of October is the **Melbourne Hamfest, Oct 7th & 8th** <http://www.pcars.org/hamfest/2016/> .

Get involved, get active, get happy! Stay safe, get on the air, and have fun!!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

73, Steve WB4OMM



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