

Treasure Coast Ham News

MARCH 2020 - SPECIAL UPDATE

HAM DATES:

With the ongoing Coronavirus situation, please confirm the following information with the respective group or via their web page.

INDIAN RIVER CO.

March 17,24,31 2020
Indian River Co. ARES NET,
7:30pm, 145.130 (107.2)
repeater

March 27, 2020

Indian River Co. ARES meet-
ing, 7:30pm, IRC EOC
4225 43rd Ave, Vero Beach

April 9, 2020

Vero Beach ARC Meeting
7:30pm, Indian River Co.
EOC, 43rd Ave, just north of
41st St, Vero Beach

ST LUCIE CO.

March 18, 2020
St. Lucie Co. ARES Meeting
7:30pm will be a **NET** on
the 147.240 repeater.

March 21-22, 2020

EC-001 Training Class at the
St Lucie County EOC is
CANCELLED

March 25, 2020

Port St. Lucie ARA Meeting
7:30pm, St. Andrew Lutheran
Church, 295 NW Prima
Vista Blvd, Port St. Lucie

April 8, 2020

Ft. Pierce ARC Meeting,
7:30pm, Room 104 IRSC
Bldg J, 35th St & Virginia Ave,
Ft. Pierce

MARTIN CO.

March 26, 2020
Martin Co. ARA Meeting
7:00pm, 1895 SE Flying For-
tress Lane, Stuart

April 9, 2020

Martin Co. ARES 7:00pm,
800 SE Monterey Rd, Stuart

Coronavirus — COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus infections and deaths continue to rise across the World, United States, and Florida. Although the Treasure Coast has been spared so far that could quickly change over the coming weeks.

To that end our Treasure Amateur Radio Associations and Clubs and ARES groups out of an abundance of caution, have cancelled, postponed or put in place alternate means to communicate.



45th Annual Stuart Hamfest, March 21 - CANCELLED

45th Annual FREE Stuart Hamfest, Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at the Martin Co. Fairgrounds — **CANCELLED.**

“In light of recent developments with the Coronavirus, we regret to announce that the 2020 Stuart Hamfest must be cancelled until further notice. If we are able to re-schedule our event at a

later date, we will notify everyone.

Prize drawings will occur as scheduled, with results posted on the Internet and winners notified, as is our usual practice.

If you have not yet donated to MCARA and obtained your prize tickets, they will continue to be available online at:

<http://stuarthamfest.com>
until 12 noon on Saturday,
March 21st.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our association!

We wish all members and participants good health and the very best in this time of emergency.”

Dave Morris **K4AW**
MCARA President



St Lucie County ARES

SPECIAL NOTICE - EVENT POSTPONED

St. Lucie ARES planned to participate in the Florida Power & Light Nuclear Power Plant Exercise. This exercise takes place every two years and is evaluated by FEMA to assure the ability of St. Lucie County to respond to an accident or emergency at the plant.

This FEMA evaluated exercise, originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 24, **HAS BEEN POSTPONED** until fall.

I will keep you updated with any changes.

SPECIAL NOTICE - MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the current concerns regarding the coronavirus issue, in an abundance of caution, and in an effort to keep visitors to the EOC to a minimum in order to reduce the potential exposure to those who work there, the **March ARES Meeting is CANCELLED.**

In its place, we will have an ARES net at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 18 on the County 147.240 repeater as we do the regularly scheduled

monthly nets.

This is an on-going situation and I will keep everyone advised as to when we will resume our meetings at the EOC.

Of course, should an emergency arise that requires us to staff the EOC or other facilities, we will proceed only after an assessment of health risk and clearance by County officials.

Thank you,
Paul Horner, W4ISZ
Emergency Coordinator
St. Lucie County

ARRL—Barry Porter, KB1PA Section Manager

From Barry Porter, ARRL Section Mgr—3/13/2020

We live in interesting times. Lots of unprecedented happenings in our communities. If we use common sense we will get thru this.

“Most local in person club meetings have been canceled as a precautionary action.”

In addition, the upcoming Stuart Hamfest has been postponed.

With lots of institutions now requiring remote connections from home, it is

going to strain the local cell and internet providers. We need to be prepared should it be necessary for amateur radio to assist and augment our served agencies communications capabilities.

This does not mean we cannot meet using other methods. It is okay and safe to meet in local restaurants. It is okay to meet on the air. It is okay to meet via teleconference, since many have computer and internet access. If you need help with teleconferencing, please let me know via email at the address below.

With lots of local and national events being postponed, now is the time to fire up your radios and get on the air. Stay engaged with each other. Stay safe, stay healthy and wash your hands. The entire section cabinet is here to support you. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to email me at the address below.

Thanks to everyone for all you are doing to promote amateur radio!

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Coronavirus—COVID-19 CDC FACTS

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is an excellent resource for COVID-19 prevention, symptoms, diagnosis, and care.

GET CDC FACTS

For Florida and Treasure Coast information:

[Florida Health](#)

[Indian River County](#)

[St Lucie County](#)

[Martin County](#)

[Cleveland Clinic](#)

[St Lucie Medical Center](#)

[Lawnwood Medical Center](#)

[Indian River Hospital](#)

Common symptoms

- Fever
- After 2 to 7 days, develop a dry cough
- Mild breathing difficulties at the outset
- Gastrointestinal issues
- Diarrhea
- General body aches

Severe symptoms

- High fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Pneumonia
- Kidney failure
- Death

Transmission

Coughs or sneezes from infected person or touching contaminated objects.

Final Thoughts

Coronavirus may be no more dangerous than flu. However, please take the CDC recommendations seriously.

Those who have a compromised immune system and/or chronic respiratory problems should be very

careful.

Coronavirus symptoms can be similar to flu. Your doctor will determine if you need COVID-19 or flu testing. See your doctor immediately if you believe you have contracted or suspect Coronavirus COVID-19.

One of our politicians who currently resides in Europe said,

“Faced with a pandemic threat, history teaches us it is far better to be over prepared than underprepared.”

73 & be safe.



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