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A message from the PSLARA President,

Welcome... And thanks for visiting our web site.

As I write this message, Hurricane Ian is thankfully in the rear view mirror. But it certainly left a terrible trail of destruction behind it.

Fortunately, Port St. Lucie - and the entire the Treasure Coast area of Florida for that matter - dodged a bullet on this one. Yes, we had some power outages, downed trees and minor damage. But the worst of our impacts were nothing compared to those experienced by our poor friends over on Florida's southwest coast, where many lost virtually everything they own. The loss of life and destruction left in Hurricane Ian's wake are truly overwhelming.

In disasters such as Hurricane Ian there are a few agencies and groups that can always be counted on to provide assistance. Among them are FEMA, the American Red Cross and ARES - the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. I can assure you the ARES groups in southwest Florida were, and still are, actively providing communications support to the local population.

The treasure coast area has similar ARES groups. Hopefully we never need their services, but rest assured they are at the ready to step up should we need them.

Remember the motto, "*Amateur Radio, When all else fails...*" All our Treasure Coast ARES groups need addition members. Many of our local ARES members are aging. It's time for the younger hams and recent licensees to step up and assume a role so that ARES can continue its mission well into the future.

Treasure Coast hams, especially those recently licensed, please consider doing your part. Become a member of ARES.

I'll make the same request to every ham visiting this website regardless of where you are located. Your local ARES group needs you. Please consider helping them fulfill their mission by becoming a member.

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