

First, let me apologize for completely missing the October 2018 Ocean County ARES News. Way too much going on at home and it completely fell off my radar.

October has been a very busy month. We had the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) on October 6th, the Brick Reservoir Walk on October 13th and the ARES Meeting on October 17th. Tomorrow (10/21) is also the Breast Cancer walk in Point Pleasant and although it is not an ARES event, many of us walking in it will have our HT's with us to report any problems.

The Simulated Emergency Test went very well. It was essentially a fox hunt exercise looking for a supposedly rogue transmitter. The participants met at the Ocean County EOC parking lot and the first transmission began at 10:00 AM. The "fox" was located at the Jackson County Library some thirteen air miles away from the EOC. The transmissions were made on a 2 meter simplex frequency and consisted of 20 seconds of multi tones with a CW ID at the end. The transmissions repeated every 5 minutes. The fox was located just before 1:00 PM. The crew then met at a local pizza parlor for lunch and refreshments and held a brief critique.



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Photo by WB2ALJ

Several good lessons were learned about the exercise and were all discussed at the October 17 ARES meeting. We are planning on having another hunt in the very near future and will most likely invite all hams who want to attend.

On October 13th Ocean County ARES provided communications support for a new event, the Purple Angel Foundation hosted a 5K run/walk/fun walk at the Brick Reservoir. The reservoir is approximately 1.5 miles around the outside walkway and two laps is 3 miles plus entrance and exit distance for a total of 3.1 miles or 5 kilometers.



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Since this was a new event it was properly greeted with a morning of rainfall and the sun came out just as the operators were leaving. Since the reservoir is not that large, simplex communications was more than adequate to cover the walk. Brick EMS was on hand near net control if any medical issues arose.

November 4th ends Daylight Savings Time so be sure to set your clocks back one hour. Also, November 30th marks the end of hurricane season after a horrible year for the South.

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