

Preparing for 2020 Hurricane Season

In 2017 there were 3 named tropical events by July 3rd

In 2018 and 2019 there was 1 named tropical event each year by July 3rd

This year, 2020, we have already has 4 named tropical events - Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly.

This seems to be a very active year so far by my measure.

The COVID-19 risk is going to make any evacuation more complicated than in past years. Also there is a risk of encountering vandalism in larger cities one might pick as a place to seek shelter.

I feel that COVID-19 and vandalism are going to cause those in the risk area to delay evacuation.

We may find ourselves as ham operators needing to help our neighbors up and down the street.

Now is the time to get our radio gear ready for mobile, portable and emergency home operation.

If a gasoline generator is involved I strongly suggest having a supply of fuel, oil and spare spark plugs.

* Fuel if not fresh put it in the car or pickup and get fresh fuel. Add an additive in to the storage container such as Sta Bil that is not more than a year old.

* If it has been more than 2 weeks since the generator was run start and run it tomorrow for at least 10 minutes with an electrical load. Then each 2 weeks run under load for at least 10 minutes.

* For Portable Operation

- setup a table in a spare room or garage. Completely setup the station and make contacts.
- then make a list of every item on the table and be sure to use the list to take your portable station to a remote location.

Mobil Operation

* For Mobile make frequent use and keep the vehicle fuel tank filled.

Now let's share ideas, ask for any guidance and worries.