

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

8/21/23 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, KC3RWE-Brad, N2OMC-Rob, AC3CU-Neil, W3OST-Rick, KC3WBR-Rob, AC3FE-John, KC3FHO-Brian Wood, KB1YZ-Jim

Chris opened the meeting at 2300Z. He put up a geodetic map to show what we are trying to do in October for the SET. The map showed that there approximately 800 geodetic discs located around the county. We came up with the idea of having 3 teams of three people, to go out and locate these discs. The discs are usually mounted on top of a cement post, buried in the ground, so the marker is at the top at ground level. A command center is going to be set up to accumulate the information from the teams. There will be one driver, a radio operator and one person to locate and take photos of the discs. The info will be transmitted to the command location to be further transmitted to the area EC.

It has been noted that southern Maryland does not have a response plan with frequencies, bands and other needed information to be effective in an emergency. Chris is working on getting some sort of frequency plan, so we have a direction to start. Chris is going to be meeting with Amy, the county emergency director to see what and how we can be of any help in case of an emergency.

It was decided that we would not go on private or protected property. This should remove any problems of trespassing. We decided on locating markers in the state parks and other easy locations. Each team will locate two markers in their area and then possibly a third one that would be harder to locate. A marker was picked at the end of Norris Road; Indian Bridge Road, next to pole #145; Indian Bridge road by Kindle Dr. There are three at the Leonardtown Wharf, markers 112-04, 112-05, and 112-06. There are markers in Charlotte Hall on the side of the road SMC 136; R40 on Route 5.

Presently there is no good HF path out of southern Maryland. We are looking at setting up some tests using various antennas to attempt to find a reliable path. Rob is going to get a hold of Jeff and Pam, up in Prince George County and see if we can set up some tests with them. Chris is going to be checking with Erik and see what they have set of for the county.

Chris closed the meeting at 0010Z.