

# ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

## Amateur Radio Emergency Services

7/31/23 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KC3RWE-Brad, N2OMC-Rob, KB1YZ-Jim, KC3WBR-Rob

Chris opened the net at 2300Z with some general announcements and comments. He asked if anyone had formal traffic for the net, there was none. There is no topic tonight, just open mic. He brought up the end-fed kits and it seems that everyone likes the KM4ACK kit deal. He has a deal for 10 kits at \$350.00 for the package. This would cost each of us \$35.00 for a kit. The build will be held somewhere else other than the museum. Chris has also been in touch with Dr. Tamaita Skov, about giving us a talk about solar events and also the meaning of the symbols on the ham clock. He mentioned the idea to the Maryland EC and he was greatly interested. Wanted to know if several clubs could participate. This may present a problem but Chris will work it out. He talked to Jeff after the presentation on last Thursday about his "fox" transmitter. Chris has ordered one and will have it soon and the club will be able to hold their own fox hunts.

Neil Has a few thoughts on hearing more about the solar activity and is interested in the end-fed antenna build. Definitely would like to build one. I have been wanting to learn how to build baluns.

Brad brought up the "On-The-Air" magazine and the article about the ARRL radiograms and their make up. He is interested in the end-fed antenna build. He would also like to learn more about the solar system and its activities. He also brought up the idea that we need to start planning for the October SET exercise.

Rob(N2OMC) is sitting on the parch tonight using his HT and batteries. He really liked the presentation that Jeff and Pam put on during the club meeting on Thursday. He learn a lot from the presentation. He is looking forward to the end-fed antenna build. He also brought up that if you are a member of the ARRL, you can always look at the on-line magazine, On-The-Air, QEX as well as QST.

Jim still has some antenna problems from the last storm that hit us. He lost one of his antenna due to breakage from the wind. He is using a chimney mount antenna that he will put on his tower. He is in for the end-fed antenna build. He also mentioned that he is the coordinator for the tail-gate fest and would welcome any ideas of suggestions.

Rob (KC3WBR) has been in Tennessee working on his QRP transmitting

and receiving. He is also interested in the up coming events of the club. He brought up the Marine Corps marathon run and the need for volunteers to help out. He is possibly looking to participate and would like some more information.

Chris has asked Rob to provide some info as he has done the Marine Corps activities during the marathon. Rob mentioned that there are several roles that a person could participate in. They have radio nets for water, medical as well as many other.

Chris as people to give a listen to the '64 repeater and take notes on the operation of the repeater. Pass any notable differences in operation to Chris, Jon, or Pete, so that they can get the repeater fixed on back on the air; This may mean taking the '64 down for a period of time to repair the problem.

Chris closed the meeting at 2338Z.