

ST. MARY'S COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES

78/3/23 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KB1YZ-Jim, KC3RWE-Brad, N2OMC-Rob, N3AK-Jon

Chris opened the meeting at 2300Z with a request for anyone with formal traffic. There was none and tonight topic was antennas that you have at your home. Presently he has a G5RV, that doesn't seem to be working very good and he has ordered a folded dipole. He has sent out the monthly report to the area coordinator and sent a copy to the members.

Neil looking to get the dipole up and have a tri-band antenna presently that I have had up. It got blown down and now needs some minor repair work. It developed some high SWR, which I think is in my feed line, but I still need to do a rework on the antenna. I didn't seal it completely up as I wanted to see if it really worked. It seem to do a good job so I will have to get it back up.

Jim has an HF antenna up about 65 feet in the center and the other ends are in the trees. He is using a ladder line for a transmission line. He has a flag pole HF antenna for a back up if needed.

Brad received my message about mobile installations He has 2 multi-band antennas and they are doing good. He has a mag mount antenna for mobile work and an elevated antenna on the porch.

Rob reported that the repeater sounds scratchy tonight. He has a folded dipole and it works very good. He also has a G5RV that works real good on 40 to 10 meters.

Jon has a fan dipole at his house but only seems to work good on 2 bands. He also has a diamond antenna that needs to be mounted better, in order to work better. He has a clothes line antenna between two trees which should be good for NVIS work. He also has a mag mount for mobile work.

John has a new radio, an FTM 3100, that is working good. He needs to get a better antenna. He has a GAP-Titan antenna that he is working on getting mounted.

The net was closed at 2333Z