

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, N2OMC-Rob, AC3CU-Neil, KB1YZ-Jim, W3OST-Rick, KC3QQD-Erik, KC3WBR-Robert

Chris opened the net at 2300Z and asked if there was any formal traffic for the net. There was none. He then asked if there were any announcements for the net. He mentioned that we were set up for the upcoming SET on October 7. Next Friday he will be out of town attending an AUXCOM class. Chris will be going to the bunker to see what is there to use. It looks like we have two or three radios and will try to set up a Winlink node if the antennas are still viable. He will bring us up-to-date on what the status is and how we can use it in conjunction with the St. Mary's emergency network. He was able to send a message on VARA HF, to a station in Florida. We are going to have to work together to get on VARA & VarAC with HF as that is what the area director is pushing for. He then asked the group if they had any problems from the storm last weekend.

Rob didn't have any problems or damage from the storm. He said that he hasn't been on the radio much and that he hasn't had any success with VarAC.

Neil didn't have any damages from the storm and didn't lose any trees. I am still trying to get on VarAC on VHF without much luck.

Jim didn't have any damage from the storm. He just had some heavy rain and some wind. He said that he is ready for the SET.

Rick didn't have any damage from the storm. He has been out of town and has just returned home.

Erik had some erosion from the rain on his driveway. He hasn't returned his weather station yet from an earlier storm.

Robert said that he lost power for a short time. He has got his HF system up and running. He was able to listen to some parks on the air but couldn't transmit as he doesn't have a license yet.

Chris mentioned that the UHF repeater in Calvert is having some problems and may not be available. He also mentioned that there is some ongoing problems between us and the northern part of the state. Some of their conversions, as well as some of ours are coming through during our nets. Gene is researching a new PL tone for the 147.39 repeater and will let us know when he has found one.

Erik mentioned that the Anne Arundel County has put up a new repeater on 147.075, and the antenna is higher so we may be able to hit it.

Chris closed the net at 2332Z.