

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

10/30/23

2300Z

Members present: KC3RWE-Brad, KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KB1YZ-Jim, AC3FE-John, KC3PFF-Shawn, W3OST-Rick, KC3VLE-Wade

Brad opened the net at 2300Z with no specific topic. He posed two questions for the net. How many people would be interested in having a Winlink class and about doing something with winter field day.

Chris is all for having winter field day. He said that he could have it in his backyard. He has a little fire pit, and we could all have a good time. He mentioned that the MDC area coordinator is having monthly exercise emphasizing the use of VarAC. This is in preparation for an event with no infrastructure left standing to use. We can have a Winlink class during our weekly Monday night meet.

Neil is able to do packet and telnet Winlink with no problem. I have been trying to use VarAC on 2 meters, but haven't been able to access any of the repeaters that they list for the exercise. I haven't tried HF yet as I don't have the antenna up yet. Hopefully when I get it up, I will be able to access the repeaters and pass traffic.

Jim is still having a little trouble using Winlink. He may be interested in winter field day, depending on how warm he feels. He is interested in doing a Winlink class so that he can get better at using Winlink.

John would like a Winlink class. He says that it would help him to better be able to use Winlink better.

Shawn says he hasn't been on the radio for a while due to work schedule. He says that winter field day sounds interesting, and he would be up for a class on Winlink.

Rick is up for winter field day and would like a Winlink. He is looking to acquire some more radio equipment.

Wade joined us from Lusby tonight. He wanted to attend the tailgatefest but was unable to due to work. He is glad to see that we are making progress on Winlink and winter field day.

Brad wanted to know if you needed two radios to be able to work HF and FM.

Chris rechecked, that only if you wanted to do two simultaneous operations at the same time. You could have different radios programmed for

just one purpose and switch mics and output cables between them. It depends upon how you want to operate.

Brad closed the net at 2327Z.