

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

11/05/23 0000Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KC3RWE-Brad, AC3FE-John, KB1YZ-Jim, N2OMC-Rob, W3OST-Rick, KC3QQD-Erik

Chris opened the net at 0000Z hours. He is working to get key card access to radio room in the bunker. We have 2-meter, GMRS and HF access available. We have a lot of work to do to make the bunker operational. Chris has KB2SKP-13 up and running the Winlink. He raised the power on the unit from 5W to around 50W. He is still looking for a place to hold a Winlink class. Chris would like everyone to check out the new radiogram that is now part of Winlink. It is an easier version of the health and welfare radiogram. It looks like it is easier to use. It is found under the "RADIOGRAM AND RRI" forms. He would like everyone to send him a radiogram message in order for us to get use to the forms.

He has been in communication with Bob in Charles county, to get an exercise to explore ways of getting HF out of southern Maryland.

Neil has been reading through the books to reinforce the basics communication. He is still trying to use the MDC exercises to try and enter the exercise and use the new forms of communications for HF.

Brad doesn't have a lot going on presently. He is interested in going to the bunker and help in getting it up and operational. He finally has the equipment to get his HF\ Winlink capabilities up but may need some help. Chris has asked Brad to set up an spreadsheet to keep track of the hours and personal participating in the weekly nets.

John says that things are going well. He has received equipment to enable him to get his Winlink up.

Erik said that they have a digipeater set up in Lusby for APRS, K3IVK-14 is up and broadcasting. He said that he has been at the bunker in the past.

Jim hasn't gotten Winlink up yet. He has all the equipment that he needs to make it work. He wants to know if he can use an iPad or a notebook to work Winlink. Chris says that it is possible but it isn't easy. He said that he has seen KC3QQD-4 on the APRS map. He has his APRS station in his truck.

Rob hasn't been in the bunker although he has been in the county for a long time. He reported that Charles County is having a special event this Saturday.

Rick has his Winlink station almost ready, but he is still working to improve it.

Chris closed the net at 0040Z.