

ST. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services

3/18/24

2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3FE-John, AC3CU-Neil, W3OST_Rick, K3GGM-Dave, KB1YZ-Jim, K3QNJ-Donald

Chris opened the meeting at 2300Z. Jim is going to talk about the QSO ma that he has modified. this is the same map that Erik, KC3QQD, uses to map out the talk around net attendees. The map shows the location, approximately, of the call signs for those attendees. You can change and add contacts and locations to the map. the QSO map can be found at "qsomap.com". The user id is "SMCEMS" and the password is "smcems".

It seems that everyone can hit the 147.39 repeater from their QTH. Dave, K3GGM can hit the repeater but has trouble hearing the repeater.

We are entertaining the idea of having our own SKYWARN repeater net. Chris will talk to Calvert about this. this would put SKYWARN nets close to each other. Calvert's SKYWARN system is using the repeater 146.985 repeater in Sunder land with a weather radio linked to the repeater, so that when a weather alert was broadcast, it would close a relay and place the broadcast onto the 146.985 repeater for broadcast. This repeater is linked to a repeater in Busby, on the frequency of 444.95. Two nets in the same general area could pose a problem.

Chris is talking about getting some radios that are capable of multi-use frequencies for use at the bunker.

this would provide a RF link to the EOC if we should have to set up manning positions. Presently there is no RF link to the EOC.

Chris proposed that we hold April 13, open so that we could perform an \exercise and set up the bunker to check the RF paths between Leonardtown High school, Great Mills, high school and Chopticon high school.

We are looking to get some repairs for the '64 repeater in the near future.

Chris closed the meeting at 0024Z.