

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

5/6/24

2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, KC3RWE-Brad,  
KC3QNJ-Don, KC3WBR-Robert, AC3FE-John,  
KB1YZ-Jim

Chris opened the meeting at 2300Z and asked if there was any formal traffic, there was none. Chris then announced that on May 19, we will have a testing session at the Hollywood Firehouse. He asked if there were any other announcements, there were none. The Maryland RACES will hold their monthly check in. This happens at 0800 local hours. Since our club's weekly net is on Tuesday, we will hold our own check in on 147.39 and then join the club net. Chris will then submit a report of our participation.

Brad had some trouble getting on Winlink last Wednesday. He thinks that the problem is a cable. He is up for the RACES exercise. He mentioned that there is a special event taking place in support of the Dayton race, and station W9ISM will be on the air. There are three events and you can get a card for this. Chris said that he has worked the event and had a great time. Chris then explained the difference between RACES and ARES. He said basically that the difference is that RACES is a national and that ARES is more of a local event.

Don is enjoying the net. He is still relatively new to the hobby. He is going to work on the training courses.

Robert is at home tonight. He heard about a cross-band exercise that is coming up and wanted to know more about it. Chris explained that it is an exercise between the military and hams. The military talks on frequencies that they are allowed to and the hams talk on frequencies that they are allowed to talk on. The military listens on the ham frequencies and the hams listen on the military frequency.

John said that it has been raining for quite a while. He is up for the RACES exercise. He said he didn't make the Winlink net last week.

Jim doesn't have much for the net tonight. He agrees with the RACES exercise. He also said that he has a zoom meet for the tail gate fest on Thursday.

Neil said that he would be up for the RACES exercise. He mentioned that the RACES group has an Eastern, Central and a Northern division.

He has been able to hit the Eastern repeater, which is located in the Del Marvel peninsula. Chris said that our check in will be just a check in this time. He is going to get a hold of the coordinator and see what we can do.

Chris closed the net at 2343Z.