

St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association

Amateur Radio Emergency Services.

5/13/24 2300Z

Members present: KB2SKP-Chris, AC3CU-Neil, W3OST-Rick, KC3QNJ-Med, KB1YZ-Jim, N3AK-Jon, AC3FE-John, KM4NHN-Joe, KF4AH-

Chris opened the net at 2300Z and asked if anyone had formal traffic for the net, no one had any traffic. He then asked if there were any announcements for the net, and there were none. He then explained about the solar flares and they will probably affect communications for a while. There is no danger of world exploding or turning into a dust ball. Chris then reminded us that tomorrow night at 1900 hr local, we will have a quick check in on 147.39, in support of the MDC weekly RACES check in. He will then compose a report to forward to MDC advising them of our participation. He then advised us of the problem with the '64 repeater and that Pete has found the problem and has an antenna to replace the one in use. Chris then explained that there is going to be an exercise Wednesday, during the day, concerning Region 5 Medical exercise. He said that if anyone is available to participate, let him know and what took place. He said that Don, KC3QNJ, developed a plan that we could go over and possible use for our exercises.

Neil said that he would be available to learn more things and how to use some of the digital modes better. He will participate in the MDC RACES check in exercise. He will try and see if he can check in on the Wednesday exercise also.

Rick says that he is doing well. He will try and make the net on Wednesday. He just received his new boefang radio. He will make the Monday meeting.

Jon didn't catch the first part of the net. He heard the part about the Region 5 Medical Exercise. Chris then gave him a short version of the beginning of the net and what has taken place. He said that he would be able to participate in the MDC exercise but wouldn't be able to do the one on Wednesday due to work. He heard about a new communications plan called mesh tactics. He said that he needs to do more research on the subject. Chris said that he has heard about Arden networks, but doesn't know much about it.

John said that he is doing okay. He will be able to participate tomorrow night and is looking forward for the in person meeting on Monday.

Joe just stopped in to say hi and add to the log count. He is starting a new class. He would like to participate in the net tomorrow night but the Westmoreland club has its meeting.

Andrew dropped in to say hi and that he has received his new programming cable for his VX-5 radio.

Jon had a recheck, he pointed out the the ARRL has a new basic emcomm course. He will post the url in groups.io.

Joe had a recheck, he said that the latest QST has an article on safety during field day. Chris says that he differently needs to read up on this as he is the safety officer for the field day.

Chris closed the meeting at 2342Z.