

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS' AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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OVH FM Repeaters - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+ & 443.500+  
OVH D-STAR Repeaters - W4OVH - 146.865- & 442.5125+

Web Site at <http://w4ovh.net>

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

## January 2014

### Next Meeting: Monday, January 20, 2014

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Happy New Year to all, and I hope this message finds everyone healthy and well.

With the Year 2013 now behind us, we have started a brand new year with all the possibilities laid out before us. This club would not be the success that it is without every member and the experience and ideas that you bring.

With the end of each calendar year, the President must remind the membership to renew your memberships for the next year! To make this very easy to do, a mail in form is provided later in this newsletter. It is also possible to renew online. Go to the OVH Club web site (W4OVH.NET) and there to the OVH Membership Application tab to do that. No matter, how you do it, be sure to renew. We appreciate everyone's support as the Club does depend upon the modest annual dues each year from its members.

There are two nearby HamFest events occurring in the coming weeks: first the FrostFest on February 1st in Richmond as then the Vienna Wireless Winterfest on February 23rd in Annandale. Groups of OVH members usually attend each, ask around if you need a ride to either one.

Also another reminder about the Ole Virginia Hams officer nominations are needed this month for the officer elections at the February meeting. Here is your chance to help steer the club and server your fellow members. You will need to be a member in good standing, with dues paid, to be able to vote at that meeting.

I hope to see you at the regular OVH meeting on Monday, January 20th at 7:30 pm!

73 Justin KJ4LAS



# Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Post Office Box 1255  
Manassas, Virginia 20108

## OFFICERS

President:	Justin Anderle	KJ4LAS	571-221-3423
Vice Pres:	Clarence Meese	K4CNM	791-6424
Secretary:	Theresa Heartney	KG4TVM	257-3566
Treasurer:	Terry Erlacher	KC4DV	571-292-1490

## DIRECTORS

Don (Butch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
Arthur Whittum	W1CRO	791-4330
Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091
Bob Zaepfel	K4HJF	282-2451

## WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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## HAMFEST 2014

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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## FIELD DAY 2014

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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## CLUB ROSTER / DATABASE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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## EDUCATION

Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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## CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Meola	KI4AZX	393-6681
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## ARES - EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

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Prince William County ARES website	<a href="http://pwcares.org">http://pwcares.org</a>	

## FINANCE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490

## GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
Al	KB4BHB	368-4794

## HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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## WEBMASTER — W4OVH.NET

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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## EMAIL REFLECTOR — [w4ovh@googlegroups.com](mailto:w4ovh@googlegroups.com)

David Lane	KG4GIY	628-3868
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## JOTA

Scott	KB8NUM	365-2642
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## LEGAL

Bob	K4HJF	282-2451
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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Luther	KJ4FDK	361-4885
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## NEWSLETTER

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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## NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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## PROGRAMS

TBA

## QUARTERMASTER

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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## REPEATER CONTROLLERS

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
David	KG4GIY	361-3042
George	K4GVT	791-5956
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435

## W4OVH / W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
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## SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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## SUNSHINE

Theresa (Acting)	KG4TVM	257-3566
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## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Bill	N4SV	590-9562
Bob	K4HJF	335-1939
David	KG4GIY	628-3868

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday each month at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9930 Liberia Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz or D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz. Up to date information about OVH activities and its meetings is also available during the OVH's nets on its FM Repeater each Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. or on 80 meters (3710 KHz) LSB each Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. (8:00 pm in Summer) or through the OVH's web site at <http://w4ovh.net>

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## Sunshine Corner:

Happy New Year to everyone! Also, Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to: Justin / KJ4LAS, Elizabeth / KG4NXV, Randy . WB7RAV, Charles / W4XP, John / WA1STU, Milt / N4SN, Ed / WD4AVU, Woody / N4MQ and Alan / WA2GTT.

Congratulations to Ron / N4RDZ on upgrading to the Extra Class License and special thanks to him for his work with the Hamfest committee!

A big High Five to our youngest member, Katie (no callsign yet). She is making bracelets and selling them to raise money to help the animal shelter. Way to go Katie!

It seems like a while ago, but the Club had a very nice Christmas / Year End / Holiday Party again this year. A few pictures from that appear later in this newsletter.

March will be here before you know it and that means it will be time for the Virginia QSO Party. John and I participate every year and really enjoy this event. We take our show on the road but you can log contacts from home. Don't forget to send in your log and put OVH on there for club. The committee that runs this event always has their award ceremony at our Hamfest, so let's have a good turnout! John, KG4NXT is sponsoring one of the awards this year: a plaque for Virginia Single Operator CW Low Power; it would be great if this went to one of our club members!

If you have any news for the sunshine corner, good or bad please send me an email [kg4tvm@hotmail.com](mailto:kg4tvm@hotmail.com) or call me at 703-257-3566.

Theresa KG4TVM

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## Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting December 16, 2013:

Justin / KJ4LAS called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

All present stated their names and call signs. There were 21 OVH members.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as read, motion by John / KG4NXT, seconded by Mark / WA4KFZ.

Treasurer's report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report, motion by George / K4GVT, 2nd by Butch / W4HJL approved as presented.

Membership – Luther / KJ4FDK reported no new applications to review or vote upon this month.

Repeater – George / K4GVT is working on information for the repeater, specifically for testing the FM repeaters with a remote receiver.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ will start a Technician Class on February 4th, 2014, a flyer with details to follow.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported that committee meeting have been very productive and

preparations are moving along well. The next Hamfest Committee meeting will be on January 8, 2014 at Tony's Pizza on Mathis Avenue in Manassas.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT is working on an educational project for OVH Field Day event which will take place on Saturday / Sunday, June 21 – 22, 2014 at the Nokesville Park.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM announced the birthdays for the month and thanked those that attended the Holiday Party and contributed to Toys for Tots – it was another great event.

Web Page – Paul / W4ZB - Hamfest page at W4OVH.NET and related site at MANASSASHAMFEST.ORG have been updated consistent with the actions to date by the Hamfest Committee.

4-H – Terry / WA5NTI reported that Andrea / KG4IUM will attend the Hamfest and assist with the Youth Lounge again this year, he also asked for suggestions from club members for the Youth Lounge and would like to see more members come to the Youth Lounge during the Hamfest and participate; Terry / KC4DV made a motion to donate \$150 to the Youth Lounge at the Hamfest to cover expenses for the event, seconded by George / K4GVT, approved.

Old Business – George / K4GVT gave a report on the OVH's participation in the City of Manassas' Christmas Parade; it was a big success and our presence was very much appreciated, he thanked everyone that participated.

New Business – Art / W1CRO reminded us that it is time to pay your annual renewal dues; George / K4GVT will work on getting badge information from Patty & Gary / WG4ARC; Art / W1CRO reported that the budget will be sent to committee by the end of the month to be voted on in February and that nominations are due in January for Officers, with elections in February.

Motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm by Terry / WA5NTI, seconded by Butch / W4HJL.

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## Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

### PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT(S)

Saturday, January 18, 2014 beginning at 09:00 - ARES Training Session at the Emergency Operations Center for Prince William County. Contact David / KG4GIY or [pwcares.org](http://pwcares.org) for details.

Sunday, March 30, 2014 - Mini-Tri event, OVH to assist with communications.

### HAMFESTS:

Saturday - February 1, 2014 - Frostfest (Virginia State Convention), Richmond, Virginia sponsored by the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society. This is the biggest mid-winter hamfest in the mid-Atlantic. More info at <http://www.frostfest.com> A group from OVH always goes.

Sunday - February 23, 2014 - Vienna Wireless' Winterfest at NVCC Annandale Campus. Check out <http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php> and the flyer later in this Newsletter. Close by and always easy to attend.

Saturday - April 5, 2014 - Timonium, Maryland - Maryland Fair Grounds - Hamfest. For more information, check out <http://www.gbhc.org>

Friday - Sunday - May, 16, 17 & 18, 2014 - Dayton Hamvention - Dayton, Ohio - held every year in mid-May and the biggest hamfest in the world. A group from the OVH always attends. For more information, go to <http://daytonhamvention.org> Note: if you're planning to go to Dayton, don't forget to also consider attending, the excellent all day Contest University program there on Thursday, May 15th. More info at [contestuniversity.com](http://contestuniversity.com)

Sunday - June 8, 2014 - OVH Manassas Hamfest - being sponsored by the Ole Virginia Hams this year for the 40th time at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, Virginia. See the Flyer later in this newsletter and also look at: [manassashamfest.org](http://manassashamfest.org) and [w4ovh.net](http://w4ovh.net) (hamfest tab) This is a very big event for the OVH each year. Contact Terry / KC4DV for more information.

## TRAINING / SEMINAR EVENTS:

Thursday - May 15, 2014 - Dayton, Ohio. Contest University. This training / tutorial / seminar event is held one day before the start of the Dayton Hamvention each year so that the trip to Dayton, Ohio can include both events. Much of the material presented by the world class lecturers at Contest University is directed towards optimizing the performance and operation of HF ham radio stations. As such it is oriented to more advanced or experienced hams, and is an intensive full day program with meals provided. The program and the lecturers change each year. Worth attending if you operate on HF. Much more information at <http://contestuniversity.com>

## OPERATING CONTESTS:

Saturday / Sunday - March 15 / 16, 2014 - the Virginia QSO Party sponsored by the Sterling Park ARC. More info at [http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2014\\_VQP/2014\\_VQP\\_Main.html](http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2014_VQP/2014_VQP_Main.html) It's not too early to start planning for this one.

Information about many other operating contests almost every weekend and each month can be found on the WA7BNM's excellent web at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal>

## NEXT 2014 OVH MANASSAS HAMFEST COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday - February 5, 2014 - contact Terry / KC4DV and watch the OVH email reflector for updated information about the time and place (Tony's Pizza, 9108 Mathis Avenue, Manassas). This will be the fifth advance preparation and planning meeting for the 2014 OVH Manassas Hamfest. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

## PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for latest updates. David maintains a comprehensive calendar for upcoming events at that web site. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

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## Some Possibly Useful Information

Electronics, physics and radio theory are fascinating but complex and elusive subjects for many who become interested in or fascinated by ham radio. Certainly, it is possible to have a lot of fun with ham radio without knowing much in depth about electronics, etc. And, of course, much or most of the population is not particularly curious about how things really work, accepting that things work even if it is just "magic" as far as they are able to explain. For the curious, what are some good sources for learning some basic materials about electronics? Arthur / W1CRO has found and suggested a web site: <http://electronicsclub.info> and its related web page: <http://electronicsclub.info/study> which have a lot of good information for beginners.



**A few pictures from the OVH's 2013 Year End Holiday Christmas Party**



A Youth Lounge Program will be presented again during the Fortieth Manassas Hamfest which will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2014.

In addition to all of the other Youth Lounge activities intended to introduce the youngsters who are attending the Hamfest to ham radio, this year there will be an operating HF station in the Youth Lounge.

A special event call sign, N4H, has been obtained for the event, and a special QSL card will be sent to other ham stations which contact N4H during the 2014 Manassas Hamfest.

**N4H**

**Special Event Amateur Radio Station**

Hosted by  
Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc  
and operated by  
4-H members from within the Youth Lounge  
at the Manassas Hamfest

Confirming our 2xSSB QSO: Control Operator: Clarence Meese, K4CNM, Manassas, VA

**8 June 2014** UTC MHz S R

Mobile  Portable

# RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2014 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below or drop off at a meeting. Be sure to update all information, including your e-mail address, telephone number(s) and nine digit ZIP

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION**  
**“OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB”**  
**2014**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)  
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)  
MAY YOUR TELEPHONE NOS. BE LISTED IN THE “Members Only” OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)  
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are now **\$20.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2014. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$10.00. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or lower level [ list school attended and grade or level: \_\_\_\_\_ ] are \$10.00.

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS: AMOUNT ENCLOSING: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**  
**P.O. Box 1255**  
**Manassas, VA 20108-1255**



The Birmingham News/Hal Yeager

# Become a Ham Radio Operator

## Get Your Technician Class License!

- Get on the air with Amateur Radio!
- Communicate across the country and around the world!

The Technician Class license is the first step in getting into the exciting world of Amateur Radio. Since the FCC has removed the Morse code testing requirement, getting your license is now even easier and faster!

The Ole Virginia Hams will be sponsoring a Technician Class training course beginning **February 4, 2014**. This course is **FREE** and open to all. Students provide their own course materials. Seating is limited, however, so sign up early!

### Course textbook:

**“The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual,” 2<sup>nd</sup> edition**  
 (for tests beginning July 1, 2010)  
**Published by ARRL – The National Association for Amateur Radio**  
 (formerly the American Radio Relay League)

The course will combine self-study with class instruction. Four (4) two-hour sessions will be held.

Session 1: Introduction, Equipment Definitions	Session 2: Basic Electricity, Signals and Waves
Session 3: Antennas, Transmitters, etc.	Session 4: Repeaters, Data Modes, Safety

**Location:** American Red Cross Training Center, 9930 Liberia Ave., Manassas, VA 20110  
(Davis Ford Crossing Shopping Center, near Staples)

**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2014 (4 sessions: 2/4, 2/18, 2/25, 3/18)

**Time:** Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

### For more information:

Refer to The Ole Virginia Hams web page at [www.w4ovh.net](http://www.w4ovh.net) or contact Mark Braunstein, WA4KFZ at [wa4kfz@cox.net](mailto:wa4kfz@cox.net) for more details.

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# WINTERFEST!™

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA HAM RADIO FAIR

- Ham Radio, Electronics, and Computer Parts, Pieces, and Paraphernalia
- Large Indoor Exhibit Area
- QSL checking for WAS, DXCC, VUCC
- 150 Paved Tailgate Spaces (\$15 for one space—includes one admission)
- Improved and expanded loading dock!
- FREE On-Site Parking

**TAILGATING!**  
Tailgate area opens at 6AM on  
Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>



**When: Sunday, February 23, 2014**

**Where: Northern Virginia Community College  
Annandale Campus  
8333 Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA  
38.833216° N, 77.236872° W**

**Cost: \$7.00 per person**

**Indoor Exhibit Area Opens to Public at 8AM**



**Vienna Wireless Society  
PO Box 418  
Vienna, VA 22183**

**General Info – Jack, AI4SV  
Winterfest2014@viennawireless.org  
(314) 266-8426**

**<http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>**

**Table Sales – Doug, AK4AO  
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(703) 698-6158**

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

# Manassas Hamfest

AMATEUR RADIO, COMPUTER,  
& ELECTRONICS SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio)



OUR  
40<sup>th</sup>  
YEAR

## Sunday, June 8, 2014

### Prince William County Fairgrounds

Large Outdoor and Covered Pavillion flea market areas, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112-2720 (Route 234) - TALK-IN 146.97- 442.200+ D-Star 442.5125+

#### INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

8-foot tables: \$30\* each  
with chairs & electricity  
(\$25 if reserved by May 1st)  
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

#### GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10\* per person at gate  
(Cutoff date for \$9  
advance Sales May 1st)  
Gates open at 7 AM

#### TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10\* per space  
Covered Pavillion: \$20 per space  
(\*See web site for prepayment discounts)  
Gates open at 6 AM  
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

\* Online ticket sales and vendor registration at <http://manassashamfest.org>

For our Most Current Vendor List and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages:

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

#### PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM (be present to win)
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM

#### INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers attending
- Virginia Section Manager Forum & other Forums
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Virginia QSO Party Awards Ceremony
- Youth Lounge activities for Youngsters

#### ACTIVITIES

- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information
- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- "Maker" group activities & presentations
- ARRL style Youth Lounge programs all day for youngsters - by the OVHARC and 4-H
- D-STAR Operating and Q&A Forum
- Amateur Radio Satellite Forum
- National Traffic System Forum

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

**Dealer Info:** Ron ( N4RDZ ) vendors@manassashamfest.org  
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