

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH
membership now!

February 2015

Next Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2015

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all and I hope this message finds you all healthy and well. As noted last month, due to the press of family and work obligations, the upcoming February meeting will be my last meeting as president of the OVH. It has been a great run and a lot has been accomplished. New officers will be elected at the upcoming February meeting. OVH officer nominations are still being received. Please let the OVH directors know who you would like to nominate to run, and be sure to attend the meeting to vote. Be sure too that your dues have been paid so you can vote at the February meeting.



This is another reminder to all OVH members - who have not done so already - to renew his / her club membership(s) for 2015. The club needs the support of all of its members! A mail in form to accomplish membership renewal appears later in this Newsletter; you can also renew (and pay) online at <http://w4ovh.net> under the Membership Application tab. The Log-In details and password for the Members' Only portion of the OVH's web site at <HTTP://W4OVH.NET> will be changed in early March based upon the club's active membership roster at the end of February, and all active members at that time will be notified of the new log-in information.

Mark / WA4KFZ will be presenting a General Class license upgrade class beginning later in February. See the Flyer later in this Newsletter. Please spread this info to any who might be interested, especially to Technician licensees who would enjoy having HF privileges.

Club members are already quite busy with activities being organized for 2015, including the new BBHN group, the Hamfest Committee and the Field Day Committee. Also, quite a few OVH members attended the Frostfest hamfest in Richmond last Saturday.

I hope to see everyone on February 16th at our new meeting location, main conference room, Manassas Public Works, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia at 7:30 pm.

73 Justin KJ4LAS

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 Post Office Box 1255
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Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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HAMFEST 2015 - Chairman

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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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 FOR MEETINGS

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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QUARTERMASTER

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SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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SUNSHINE

Theresa (Acting)	KG4TVM	257-3566
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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday. In July, 2014, and is held in the Main Conference Room in the Manassas Public Works Building, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend without obligation. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz. The OVH's two D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz are temporarily off the air due to maintenance work beyond the OVH's control. Up to date information about OVH activities and its meetings is also available during the OVH's nets on its FM Repeaters 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 birthday wishes this month to Roland / WB4NWX, David / KK4ZUV, Scott/ KK4GWU, Gavin / KK4MXT, Stephen / KK4UZC, Patty / KI4FQF, Norman / KK4HDL, Art / W1CRO, Branch / KI4KEX and Katie / (no callsign).

Best wishes to Luther / KJ4FDK as he recovers from back surgery.

It's very good to hear that Al / KB4BHB is feeling much better.

Special thanks to Justin / KJ4LAS, Clarence / K4CNM, Ron / N4RDZ and Terry / KC4DV for holding down our officers slots for this past year, 2015. Great job guys!

Congratulations to Lillian / KK4MXY on receiving her first college acceptance - probably not where she will ultimately go, but at least that notches down somewhat some of the college acceptance angst which many high school seniors feel around this time / season each year. ”

Elections for new officers for the current year, 2015, will be held at the February meeting. Be sure your dues for 2015 have been paid up so you can vote!

We had a great time at the Richmond Hamfest on Saturday, February 7th and it was nice to see quite a few other OVH members there.

The local area Winterfest hamfest (should it be re-named Springfest - with the change in its date this year?) sponsored by Vienna Wireless will be held in Annandale on Sunday, March 22nd. OVH will plan to attend again! See the Flyer later in this Newsletter or go to <http://viennawireless.org/winterfest.php> for more information.

Stay warm, Spring is right around the corner, thank goodness.

Looks like 2015 will be another busy OVH year; meetings are ongoing for Hamfest, Field Day, Broadband Committee and monthly club meetings. Many opportunities to get involved, let's hear from you!

If you have any news that you want reported in the Sunshine Corner, contact me.

73 Theresa KG4TVM email: kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting January 19, 2015:

Justin / KJ4LAS called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held at the Manassas Public Works Building conference room.

All present stated their names and call signs. There were 23 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes from the December meeting were sent out in the newsletter, motion by David / KG4GIY to accept the amended minutes, and seconded by Mark / WA4KFZ. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report, motion by Jeff / WB6UIE to accept the report, and seconded by Al KB4BHB. Approved as presented.

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Membership – Terry / KC4DV read in Tony / KK4UZZ. The Club membership unanimously voted in Jeff / KM5FTK as a new member.

ARES – David / KG4GIY advised that ARES had recently had its first meeting of the year where action plans were reviewed. Check out the ARES web site to see the training schedule for the upcoming year. Major events coming up: MCM 17.76 end of March, Dulles Drill beginning of May, Police and Fire Games and the Marine Corps Marathon.

Repeater – David / KG4GIY reported in place of Keith tonight that the D-Star repeaters are still down due to maintenance on the water tower where they are located but all of the FM repeaters up and operational.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ advised that there will be a General Class licensing class starting on the evening of February 24, and continuing on several evenings into March. Check the Flyer about this to be posted on the W4OVH.NET web site within the next few days. These classes will provide an excellent opportunity for Technician Class licensees to upgrade their licenses so they can have HF privileges. Please spread this information around to anyone who might be interested in upgrading. The VE examination session will be on March 31st.

Scholarship – Clarence / K4CNM said that committee will be starting up in March.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported that the contract for the fairgrounds is under review. We will have the same rate as in 2014. Thanks to Clarence / K4CNM the Hamfest has a new Facebook page so LIKE us on Facebook! Hamfest planning committee needs more help so please come to the meetings to support the biggest fund raiser for the club. Most positions are only one deep. The next meeting will be in early February and will be announced on the OVH's email reflector or contact Terry / KC4DV for more

Field Day – John / KG4NXT, Bryon / AK4XR and Ken / KM4ABL are continuing as co-chairmen planning for Field Day 2015. Please contact the planning team if you would like to help. More information will follow.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM was under the weather so John / KG4NXT wished a happy birthday to those with birthdays in January (there were quite a few). The club wished Theresa a speedy recovery!

Web Page – Paul / W4ZB reported that the web pages are up and working. However, the OVH's MANASSASHAMFEST.ORG web page hosted by GoDaddy was down for several days (or longer?) recently due to a maintenance error by GoDaddy technicians who did not fix the problem or provide an alert. The good news: they fixed the problem almost instantly once we noticed it and complained. Unfortunately, we are unable to monitor that site continuously; if any of you notice it is down, i.e., not working, in the future, please notify someone immediately. It is important that this site stay up – especially as the hamfest get closer - because that site will have the OVH's PayPal links for ticket purchases and web site users avoid sites that don't work or fail to provide information quickly. The W4OVH.NET web site also has a lot of Hamfest information on it and has not experienced this kind of outage or problem since the hosting for it was moved to 1and1.com several years ago.

JOTA – No report. Next JOTA event will be in October.

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4H – Terry / WA5NTI reported 4H and the OVH are moving forward to participate in the Hamfest. The Buckhall Firehall project still in work.

Justin / KJ4LAS reminded everyone to renew his / her OVH membership. Details and forms on the club web site.

BBHN – Clarence / K4CNM advised that the committee will be sending out a capability survey soon. Site surveys to be done soon. BBHN will do a demo associated with Ken's KE2N presentation at the Hamfest. There will be a workshop on March 28th at the Potomac Library Community Room. Watch for details on the reflector. Contact Clarence if you would like to participate.

Old Business – None

New Business –

OVH Director Butch / W4HJL reminded everyone of the officer elections coming up at the February meeting. Currently up for election are the President and Secretary positions. You can apply by sending an email to W4HJL@aol.com

Next a discussion was opened by Butch / W4HJL on the installation of a small equipment building at the Mt. Pone water tower site. Looking at a 12'x14' room for future expansion. Bob / K4HJF, Butch / W4HJL, George / K4GVT, Clarence / K4CNM and Art / W1CRO are on the planning team. Justin / KJ4LAS directed the committee to give a further report at the next meeting February 16th.

It was mentioned that there will be a swapfest down in Culpeper on April 11th. A Flyer for that will be included in the next OVH Newsletter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by David / KG4GIY and seconded by Stu / W4PR. All voted to approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

March 22, 2015 - Vienna Wireless' Winterfest Hamfest at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), 8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale, Virginia This has been a very winter hamfest for many years, but this year it is moving its date back by about a month later than usual into the first or second day of Spring, at the same location as usual! For more information, go to <http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

April 11, 2015 - Saturday - Culpeper Amateur Radio Swapfest, Culpeper, Virginia - for more info, see Flyer later in this Newsletter or go to w4cul.org

May 15 - 17, 2015 - Friday - Sunday. Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. This is the biggest hamfest in the world. More info at <http://hamvention.org>.

June 14, 2015 - Sunday. The OVH is sponsoring and will again put on the annual Manassas Hamfest for the 41st time in 2015. All active OVH member will, of course, attend; everyone else is invited too and we expect several thousand attendees again this year!

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SPECIAL SEMINARS, ETC:

Third Thursday evening each month - AMRAD meets in McLean, Virginia - meetings usually consist of high level amateur radio related technical presentations on specific topics. Check the <http://amrad.org> web site for upcoming topics, and exact dates, times and places.

May 14, 2014, Thursday. The excellent and very well attended Contest University program will again take place in downtown Dayton, Ohio, for a full day one day before the Dayton Hamvention begins. See <http://contestuniversity.com> for complete details.

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENT - FIELD DAY in June, 2015 - SAVE THE DATES:

June 27 - June 28, 2015 - Saturday & Sunday for the annual OVH and ARRL Field Day event. This is one of the most "fun" events for OVH members who participate as a club in the larger ARRL Field Day over two days during which other clubs and operators throughout the U.S. and Canada endeavor to contact as many other participants as possible from portable or temporary locations using different frequency bands and radio modes. The OVH's Field Day event will be at the pavillion at the Nokesville Park again this year, and will also include food, educational activities and public service activities for all members, family members and the general public, as well as several operating stations. Be sure to save these dates!

OPERATING CONTESTS:

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

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Always check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for the 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.

Mesh Networking / BBHN is a hot topic which is attracting a lot of attention among the more technically inclined members of the OVH and Woodbridge Wireless.

The Image to the Right shows the Mesh Networking - BBHN Meeting in Woodbridge in January, 2015.

How long will it be before we have a Mesh Network system operating county-wide in Prince William County, Virginia?



A VERY SERIOUS COLLINS RADIO COLLECTOR AMONG US!



No doubt at all from the picture of the Collins S-Line and KWM-2A rigs and accessories above that we have a very serious Collins Radio collector in our midst! This picture was recently taken at the QTH of Terry / KC4DV. But these vacuum tube based radios are not just collectibles - they all work and are connected up so that Terry can use them on the air regularly without hassles. Terry accumulated these mostly out of nostalgia - as a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the Home of Collins Radio where they were manufactured, and because some about the same age as Terry. A major factor too was that, like many younger, very enthusiastic HF ham operators of the late 1950's through the mid-1970's, Terry quickly picked up from the old timers that Collins made the very best ham and military radios. But Collins gear was always way beyond the budgets of young hams; still Terry coveted a nice Collins set up ever since he was licensed as a Novice (WN0SPX) in 1976. That remained just a dream until he decided recently, now or never, and began in earnest to accumulate this impressive collection of the very best.

The S-line equipment on the top shelf above includes a 32S-1 transmitter, 75S-1 Receiver, 312-B4 station console and 30L-1 Amplifier, These were manufactured in 1959 and 1960. The S line on the desk is from the mid-1970s and consists of the rare 32S-3A transmitter, 73S-3C Receiver, 312-B4 Station Console and 30L-1 amp. On the far right side of the desk is a KWM-2A, 312B-4 console and with a 30L1 amp sitting above. The microphones are a SM2 and SM3 made by Turner Microphone for Collins.

Terry's Air National Guard Combat Communications Unit in California deployed with the KWM-2A as late as 1988. These radios are a lot of fun to operate and have superb audio. Be nice to Terry and he may invite you over to see this amazing collection and try them out on the air!

Remembering Radio Shack

Last week Radio Shack filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in Delaware; an excellent article briefly tracing the long history of Radio Shack and its impending demise appeared in *BusinessWeek* just before the bankruptcy filing. See, <http://tinyurl.com/RS-SlowDemise> Most (or all?) of the Radio Shack outlets in Northern Virginia have recently closed as money losing and no longer profitable to operate. RS stores have closed all over the country too. The financial press say that a cellphone company may take over many of the remaining stores and RS's product line will henceforth be limited to telephones and accessories. Very sad and unfortunate, especially for those of us who remember different times at RS, including the better days long ago. For those who want to remember the old days, got to <http://radioshackcatalogs.com> for an archive of old RS catalogs back to the 1950s.

One of the earliest Radio Shack stores (No. 4 or 5) was on High Ridge Road in Stamford, Connecticut, the next town from where I was growing up in the late 1950's. My brother, Fred / N3KVV, two years older than me, began working there part-time when he was 16 and attending a technical high school (electronics) in Stamford. That store was then owned by the Deutschmann brothers from Boston - before Tandy Corporation purchased the small chain in 1962 - indeed, the RS group was so small at that time that Fred remembers going on a company trip in the early 1960s to the RS headquarters store on Boston where he met the Deutschmann brothers and received a hand signed stock certificate for 10 shares of Radio Shack stock; Fred says he still has it. He continued to work there parttime until he joined the Air Force in 1966.

Fred was very interested and knowledgeable about stereo hifi systems (which were new items in 1960), and had an opportunity to develop excellent sales and technical skills working at RS; he could also regularly pick up installation work on the side from the customers. I was two years younger and remember an incident when Fred was about 17, he had sold a very expensive and elaborate stereo system to a Luddite family who wanted it badly, but would not purchase it unless Fred agreed to install it in their large residence in North Stamford. Fred recruited me to help him; we assembled drills, tools, wire, switches and other items and set off to do the work. After some two hours or so of work, we had installed wired speakers in several rooms and Fred had demonstrated to the owner how to operate the equipment, how to move and reconnect speakers, etc.; the new owner was extremely pleased with how well the system worked and was happy to pay Fred's \$50 charge; he complimented Fred on how well his son (me) had assisted. Fred didn't blink, said nothing, but took the \$50 cash, offering to come back again if there were any problems. My eyes bugged out as the minimum wage then was \$1.00 per hour - a learning event I still recall.

The High Ridge Road Radio Shack back then also carried a large ham radio inventory and was a gathering place for local hams; it had two ham store managers and actively promoted ham radio in the area, stocking and offering a wide range of ham equipment and accessories from National Radio, Hallicrafters, Hammarlund, Gonset, Eico, Drake, Vibroplex and others, it also carried and sold a very wide assortment of wire, antennas and electronic parts in the store and also by mail order at low cost. Arrow Electronics, which also carried some ham equipment, had an electronics parts store in nearby Norwalk, CT but it sold mainly to industrial customers at higher prices than Radio Shack.

When I moved to the Boston area for school in 1964, I visited the old headquarters Radio Shack store on Commonwealth Ave. near Boston University but was very disappointed; that large store was half empty, Tandy had taken over in 1962 and ham radio equipment and most electronic parts were on the way out, but gadgets of all type were in. By the time I moved to Washington in 1968, Radio Shacks had proliferated massively; there was one on Connecticut Ave. N.W. within walking distance of where I lived in D.C. for several years; and there was one on Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church very close to where I worked as an engineer for several years.

In the late 1970's RS was a leader in providing small personal computer systems. Around 1979 when RS came out with the TRS-80 Model II with a very good (but very loud) daisy wheel printer for heavy office use. I quickly brought a system; although expensive (around \$5K, Z80 based, no hard drive, only 8' floppy disks), it had an good word processor (actually a text editor) and ran Visi-Calc spreadsheets; its word processor alone immediately outperformed the much more expensive the IBM MagCard systems then in very common use in offices. Surprisingly, it also outperformed a brand new \$60K IBM word processing console system. I quickly added three more TRS-80 Model II systems and the IBM equipment was sold off to others who did not see the technology change which was coming. Those RS systems ran flawlessly, no breakdowns, for years, until replaced by DOS and Windows computers by 1990.

On my last trip to a local Radio Shack store last fall, the young saleslady cheerily asked if she could help. I responded I need a BNC connector, some diodes and a Nibbler; her answer: I don't know what those are and don't think we carry them. I said I knew where they were and quickly found them. But I knew Radio Shack was in real trouble. Too bad.

REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2015 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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“OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB”
2015

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____
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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, 2015. 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:

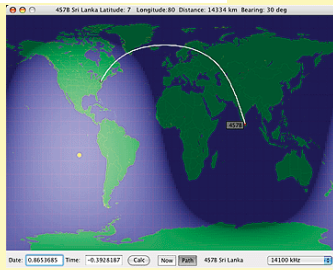
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Name: _____

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The Ole Virginia Hams will be sponsoring a General Class training course beginning **February 24, 2015**. 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 General Class License Manual," 7th edition
(for tests beginning July 1, 2011)
Published by ARRL – The National Association for Amateur Radio
(formerly the American Radio Relay League)

The course will combine self-study with instruction in the theory portions of the test (usually the most difficult material for new students):

- Chapter 4: Components and Circuits
- Chapter 5: Radio Signals and Equipment
- Chapter 6: Antennas
- Chapter 7: Propagation

Location: City of Manassas, Public Works Facility, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, VA 20110

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 (4 weeks: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24) VE session: March 31, 2015.

Time: Tuesday evenings, 7:00PM -9:00PM

For more information:

Refer to The Ole Virginia Hams web page at www.w4ovh.net or contact Mark Braunstein, WA4KFZ at wa4kfz@cox.net for more details.

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Sunday, March 22rd

When: Sunday, March 22, 2015

**Where: Northern Virginia Community College
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38.833216° N, 77.236872° W**

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Indoor Exhibit Area Opens to Public at 8AM



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

Culpeper Amateur Radio Swapfest Sat. April 11, 2015



Location: Culpeper Agriculture Enterprise
(See map) 10220 James Monroe Hwy, Culpeper, VA 22701
(On Hwy 29, 2 miles Southwest of Culpeper)

Hours: 7:00 am
to 1:00 pm

**Indoor
Space:** **Free**

(bring your own tables and chairs;
limited space on first-come basis)

Admission: **Free**

Tailgating: **Free**

Talk In: 147.120 MHz, +600KHz, PL 146.2



Sponsor: Culpeper Amateur Radio Association (CARA) (W4CUL.org)
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NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO & MAKER TECHNOLOGY SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(Featuring Youth Lounge Activities for the Youngsters Attending!)



Sunday, June 14, 2015

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 - Route 234 - Manassas, Virginia -- Talk-In Repeaters on 146.97- and 442.200+

<p>INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE 8-foot tables: \$30* each with chairs & electricity (\$25 if reserved by May 1st) <i>Setup 2-10 PM Saturday</i></p>	<p>GENERAL ADMISSION \$10* per person at gate (Age 18 and younger: no charge) (*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015) Gates open at 7 AM</p>	<p>TAILGATING (admission is extra) Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space Covered Pavillion: \$15 per space (*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015) Gates open at 6 AM</p>
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* 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
- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information

ACTIVITIES

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- "Maker" group technology demonstrations
- 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
- BroadBand Ham Networks ("BBHN") Forum
- Virginia QSO Party Awards and Forum
- More Forums to be announced, check web sites

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