

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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June 2012

Next Meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

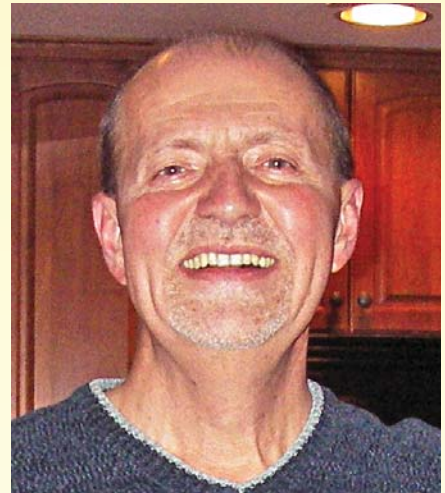
Greetings to all. The OVH did a fantastic job with the 2012 OVH Hamfest, and special thanks are due to Bruce / AB8CI and Terry / KC4DV for co-chairing the event. Also, to everyone else of the many that participated, thank you very much for your time and hard work. I cannot express this enough - it's because of you that the OVH Hamfest is so successful. A good measure of this is the recent surrounding Hamfest attendance and venue changes.

We have attended most of the local as well as Dayton Hamvention (the mother of all Hamfests), we witnessed major changes in reduction of size as well as attendance. As an observer I have found survival is based on participation, not just during the Hamfest but at all the preparatory stages needed to prepare for the event. We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated people working in all aspects to insure success and this is evident in the final outcome. At this time the tally is not known, but preliminarily we did well and are in the black. The results of the Hamfest, as well as possible changes and improvements for it, will be discussed at the upcoming OVH meeting. Please plan to attend as your input will be valued.

The second part of the upcoming meeting will deal with the fast approaching ARRL / OVH Field Day event scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and 24th. Randy / WB7RAV is in charge again this year, and we have an excellent site next to the Main Prince William County Library, just south of where we were last year. This is a major OVH fun event and everyone should plan to attend, even if just for a few hours. Those who haven't attended a Field Day before or who want an refresher on what it is all about should go to the ARRL web site and download the 2012 Field Day information package. More info at the meeting, on the reflector and on the net.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming OVH meeting, Monday June 18th, 7:30 PM.

73 George K4GVT



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FIELD DAY 2012

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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

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WINTER FIELD DAY 2011

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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 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:

A Very Happy Birthday this June to Jan / KE4TMW, Steve / N4OGR, Doris / KI4DAL, Wayne / AG4ZZ, Gene / N4HFW and Bob / K4HJF.

George / K4GVT went to the 2012 Dayton Hamvention where he sold a spectrum analyzer and then used part of the cash proceeds (picture to the right - note the large bills!) to pay for a new telescope. We thought the picture belonged here because it shows happiness!

Special thanks to the OVH group who repaired the roof on the repeater shed on May 26, 2012. That shed houses three OVH FM repeaters at NOVEC's facility on Lomond Drive in Manassas. Several pictures later in this Newsletter.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the bake sale at Hamfest this year which was run by the XYL and granddaughter of John / WA1STU

Congratulations to Richard / KI4KXJ for upgrading to the Extra Class license during the OVH Hamfest VEC Session.

The Sunshine Corner column is very short again this month; a replacement is needed for me. I have been very busy with other things at work and elsewhere, including for the OVH. I will assist with the transition and it does not really take that much time.

Until someone steps forward as a replacement, please continue to send your news / comments to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or by telephone to 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM



Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting May 21, 2012:

Vice President, Wayne / AG4ZZ, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the president's absence. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 23 OVH members and 7 guests.

Scholarship – Jim / W4JTP presented a club check for \$1,000 to this year's scholarship winner – Luke Henry; Jim also reported that a previous winner Ben Gelb is now working at Google.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report by Gary / WG4ARC, approved as presented.

Membership – Theresa / KG4TVM presented John / A14U, Margaret / KD0HZU and Tom KB1FLK for vote; All approved.

John KG4NXT announced that Joe / KI4OHR now has an Extra Class license and his wife has a new Technician license.

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Hamfest – Bruce AB8CI thanked everyone for their help; the last committee meeting will be next Wednesday at Panera's, 7:00 pm; need help with set up and tear down, breakfast will be at Chick Fil A at 8 am; tear down 2-3 pm Sunday; dinner at Primo's 6 pm; Wayne N7QLK is working security from 4 pm Saturday to 7 am Sunday; Wayne N7QLK and Terry KC4DV will be the go to guys during the event.

Field Day – Randy WB7RAV reported the location will be across from last year's site, next to the Prince William County Main Library; 9 am setup for the tent on Saturday, June 23rd, the rest of setup (radios, antennas, generators, logging computers, etc.) begins as soon as the tent is up; operations will begin by 2:00 pm. The Library has requested a demo for library patrons mid-afternoon. Dinner will be at 6 pm and the Red Cross will bring the canteen. Radio operations will continue all night and into early Sunday afternoon before tear-down. More details at the next meeting and on the reflector.

Winter Field Day and Sunshine Corner still need a chair person

Old Business – Steve N4OGR and Keith KM4AA will be at the shed Saturday morning (May 26th) to start the roof repair, assistance from other club members would be appreciated

BREAK

New Business – Steve N4OGR asked for the club to consider a committee to take care of silent key donations and equipment, discussion followed.

50/50 - \$9 half to the winner and 5 hats from Yaseu were raffled off

Theresa KG4TVM reminded everyone that she will be selling T-Shirts from Hip Ham Shirts in Oregon at the hamfest

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, June 30, 2012 - Rochester Hamfest in Rochester, New York. More info and details at <http://rochesterham.org/Hamfest.htm>

Saturday, June 30, 2012 - Firecracker Electronics Expo & Hamfest, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, combined with the ARRL Eastern Penna. Section Convention. More info at <http://w3uu.org>

Saturday, August 4, 2012 - Vinton, Virginia - Roanoake Hamfest. More info at <http://w4ca.com>

Sunday, August 5, 2012 - Berryville Hamfest, Berryville, Virginia. More information at <http://www.w4rkc.org/hamfest>

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENTS AND CONTESTS

Saturday, June 23 - Sunday, June 24, 2012 - ARRL / OVH Field Day. Lots of fun, mark this on your calendar, expected to be same place as last year.

There are many operating contests almost all of the time. The excellent web site maintained by WA7BNM lists most of them! See <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

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. Note: complete direct contact information for David now appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Spotlight on OVH Members

Wayne / N7QLK

Though I was interested in amateur radio as a youngster, it wasn't until 1990, while stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, that I actually began the trek to licensure in earnest. I discovered the MARS station DA1US which had a giant HF Log-Periodic antenna (Google DA1US for a picture!) where the operators were always looking to create HAMs; thanks to a couple of Elmers - Dan Lopes N1HRS (formerly DA2RU), and Lee Jarvis KN4VN (formerly KE2VQ). As KB7LTB (and not tapping 5 wpm CW since), I purchased my first rig, a Kenwood TS-440, and set up my first ham shack in the living room of my BOQ (Bachelor Officer Quarters), running a center-fed dipole around the ceiling. The first contact I made was with the smoke alarm system in the building.

After a multi-year hiatus as an operator, I joined OVH around 1999 or 2000 after moving to Bristow. In 2007, I upgraded to General. I held the club Secretary position for a few years (late 2000's). As for activities, I have volunteered for the 'front gate detail' at a number of 'fests'; supported Field Day setup/tear down (winter & summer); and operated the GOTA station for Field Day. I support the OVH net as net control using a Yaesu FT 8900 (mobile rig used as a base station) operating a J-pole in the attic.



Recently, with the help of John / KG4NXT, I've taken up working satellites using the Yaesu HT (FT-60) with the Arrow Antenna. As with many of my hobbies/interests, the real pleasure comes from introducing kids to the subject (see cover QST 2008). I can be reached by email at wayne.84y@gmail.com

THE OVH EMAIL REFLECTOR and OVH MEMBER INFORMATION at [HTTP://W4OVH.NET](http://W4OVH.NET)

The OVH is a ham radio club and as such, OVH members' first preference for communicating with one another may be to use amateur radios; but practicality and efficiency also demand use of the OVH email reflector system or direct email in many situations.

The OVH email reflector system is a closed email reflector hosted by Google; it is expertly administered by our David / KG4GIY for use by all OVH members; because it is a closed system, spam or misuse is infrequent; most of the time traffic through the reflector is very light, usually only a few emails per week. The reflector works very well for mass dissemination of updates or information of (potential) interest to all OVH members, for example, last minute OVH Field Day details, items for sale or give away, etc. If you are a new OVH member or not already participating on the reflector, you need to contact David / KG4GIY directly. Give him your email address(es) to be used to get registered on the OVH reflector. David can be reached at KG4GIY@ARRL.NET or 703-628-3868.

To make it easier for OVH members to find other OVH member's email addresses, the OVH provides a publicly accessible web page at W4OVH.NET [use the "Club Members" tab] which provides a listing of OVH members by FirstName, CallSign, LicenseClass and EmailAddress. The collating order is by member LastName which is not listed. We continue to work on procedures for providing a much more detailed, Members Only accessible OVH Club Member Listing. Unfortunately, the publicly accessible Club Member listing is never 100% up to date or complete. Member email addresses change and new members join regularly; needed changes are not automatically or always communicated. To be sure that your information is accurately included on the Club Members web page so others can find your email address, please check that page that from time to time. [Do that now!] If you are not listed or the information shown for you is inaccurate, please send an email to paul@w4zb.com (webmaster) with your correct information.

Refurbishing Work for the FM Repeater Shed at NOVEC on May 26, 2012

The OVH work crew worked all day on Saturday, May 26th to redo the roof and refurbish the repeater shed, inside and out. A job well done! Pictures by Arthur / WICRO.



VE Testing Results at the Hamfest - 6/10/2012

David / KG4GIY coordinated with the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club VE Team for VE testing at the 2012 Manassas Hamfest

The results of the VE examinations at the Hamfest on 6/10/2012:

Number of Applicants Tested = 18
Number of Elements Administered = 22
New Licensees = 3 (all Techs)
General Class Upgrades = 3
“Grandfather” upgrade to General Class = 1
Extra Class Upgrades = 5
No Elements Passed = 6

Thank you and OVH for again inviting our team of 11 VEs to manage the VE Exam function at the OVH Manassas Hamfest. Please give consideration to asking us to manage the VE function at next year’s hamfest.

John / WZ4A and the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club VE Team

Upcoming ARRL / OVH Field Day Event - Saturday / Sunday - June 23 -24, 2012

The fast approaching ARRL / OVH Field Day event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and 24th. The location this year will be on the North End of the Prince William County Central Library grounds on the southwest side of the intersection of Centreville Road and Conner Drive in Manassas. This is an excellent, high visibility location and we can expect walk in visitors, as well as interest by the Librarians and library patrons. Randy / WB7RAV is in charge of the event again this year. Everyone should plan to attend, even if just for a few hours.

Those who have never attended a Field Day or who want an refresher should go to the ARRL web site and download the 2012 Field Day information package, a comprehensive 44 page package.

Set up of the main tent will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, with generator, power wiring, antennas, transmission lines and switches for antennas, transceivers, logging computers, computer network cabling, furnishings, etc. set up following as soon as the tent is ready. We will have an air conditioned tent again this year. We are looking for several around the clock Field Day radio operators for each of the radio positions! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening for members, family and friends. Everyone should attend - lots of fun.

More info will be provided at the upcoming meeting, and look for last minute updates on the OVH email reflector and on the Thursday night OVH Radio Net on June 21st. See you at Field Day!



AWARD OF THE 2012 OLE VIRGINIA HAMS HARRY P. VORHAUER SCHOLARSHIP

The awardee of the 2012 Ole Virginia Hams Harry P. Vorhauer Scholarship is Luke Henry, a senior at Osbourn High School, who received a check for \$1,000 at the May 21, 2012 OVH Meeting, attending with his parents.

Luke is headed for a 4.396 GPA, which will rank him 7th in a class of 436 at Osbourn. He's in the National Honor Society, president of the Math Honor Society, and member of the Science Honor Society. But he's not all about books. He also played on Osbourn's football and wrestling teams all four years, and was wrestling team Captain this year. He also captained the Osbourn tennis team this year.

Wrestling played a role in shaping Luke's personality. He says the pain taught him perseverance, punctuality, determination, and self-control.

Working at Merrifield Gardening Center, he learned respect for customers no matter what their opinion, and the value of good work relationships.

In the community, Luke's an active member of the Bethel Lutheran youth group, plays on the church's softball team, and pastor of the youth service. And there's everything to like about his hobbies: he fishes (his favorite activity), builds model cars, AM radio circuits, amplifiers, and "annoying gadgets" such as a cricket chirper. (No doubt, he's a future ham.)

Luke has been accepted to Virginia Tech, where he will major in electrical engineering and learn how to turn building those annoying gadgets and other things into a career. His Math teacher, Ann Kulakowski, calls Luke "truly brilliant" with "a wonderful heart." She cites all his activities, his talents in sports, and his willingness to do everything from tutoring students to helping people with yard work and manual labor chores despite a busy schedule. The great part about Luke, Ms. Kulakowski adds, is "he is so very humble too...He doesn't even know how great he is at all that he does."

Well, those qualities were pretty obvious to the Scholarship Committee, which is why we're so pleased to award Luke this year's Harry P. Vorhauer Scholarship.

Thanks as always to the Scholarship Committee: Jim / W4JTP (chair), Mary Lu / KB4EFP and Ruth / KU4WH for evaluating this year's applications and making another outstanding selection.

Some Possibly Useful Information

1. The iPad2+ versions now have a "free" SDR (Software Defined Radio) application. An innovative software developer has cobbled together code to allow the iPad (2+ version) to control the Elecraft KX3 backpack transceiver with a just a few simple hardware interface devices and connectors to connect the KX3 to the iPad. A very impressive video is at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qUHbPZztkiY&feature=youtube_gdata_player What is coming next?

2. At least 10 OVH members attended the Dayton Hamvention this year, and 2 OVH members attended the all day Contest University program in Dayton, Ohio just before the Dayton Hamvention. Because of space limitations this month, reports and information from Dayton from those attendees will appear in the July 2012 OVH Newsletter.



A Few Images from the OVH Manassas Hamfest on June 10, 2012 - more next month!

