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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JANUARY 2002



Next meeting: January 21, 2002



## Message From the President

### Greetings to All OVH Members:

Another year, and a darned busy one, is over. This is the time to reflect on how we can improve ourselves during the coming year. We're going to lose weight, plant a garden, lose weight, learn a language, lose weight, read Great Expectations (instead of the Cliff Notes), lose .... Well, you get the idea.

Now I've been making resolutions for a long time and I've found that resolutions often end up unresolved. Well, there are a number of things I want to accomplish in ham radio. With past history in mind, here are some items I resolve NOT to do. First, I won't bother to improve my CW skills. There's no way I'll try to build a kit or two. I have absolutely no intention of being prepared for emergencies with a packed "go bag" and charged batteries. And operating for fun is definitely out of the question.

With a little thought, I'm sure you can come up with any number of radio related things you don't want to accomplish. Who knows? Good intentions often don't work. Maybe this reverse approach will. Here's hoping! ;-)

On a more serious note, We have two elections coming up soon. In February we vote for new OVH officers. I urge you to consider running for one of the slots: president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer. I don't know about the other current officers but I will not be available for any officer positions for the next year or two. If you want to nominate someone, please check with them first to be sure they are willing to serve. Please give it some serious thought. The time commitment is small and it is a way to help the club.

We also have elections coming for **Section Manager**. Any Virginia **ARRL** member can vote. The two candidates are **Carl Clements/W4CAC**, the current SM, and **Lynn Gahagan/AF4CD**, the previous SM who was removed by the ARRL. (Carl/W4CAC was appointed to finish the term.) As information and bios become available, I will post them to the newsletter.

Happy New Year and 73,

**73, Jeff/N1SN**

**PS:** At this month's meeting, David KG4GIY is going to display the plaque he accepted last month thanking those who helped on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Local information can always be obtained, at any time, through the usage of the OVH repeaters (146.97- & 224.660- Mhz). All are welcome.

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## Minutes of the OVH Meeting 17 December 2001

The meeting was called to order at 2002h by President **Jeff Poulin/N1SN**.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs.

**Attendance:** 15 Members

The Treasurer's report (**Bill South/N4WJN**) was passed. The past month's minutes were passed, pending later changes if any because some people had difficulty receiving minutes because of computer glitch.

### Committee Reports

**Classes and VE Session:** **Bill Hinely/K9ZD** – Classes ended the previous Thursday. Next class starts in March. Bill will contact **Bill South/N4WJN** and **Steve Frick/N4OGR** re publicity on the web and elsewhere. The VE session on December 9 was a success. Thanks to all those who helped. 16 people took the test. 11 passed as Technicians; 2 passed as Generals; and 1 passed as Extra. 2 failed. Congratulations were extended to Charlotte Coghill who passed. New call sign is KG4QXO.

**Membership:** **Susan Poulin/K3SSP** – No one was read in. **Tim Fritsch/KG4OJG** and **Chris Bertaut/KU4FT** were voted in. Congratulations and welcome to the **OVH**.

### New Business

**Ken Coghill/WB4ZOH** will become the “**Voice of OVH**” by conducting the weekly **OVH Thursday night nets** starting the first week of January 2002.

**Bill Hinely/K9ZD** posed two questions: **1)** does anyone have any interest in higher license class education programs and **2)** what can we do about reaching out to youth groups, schools, scouts, church groups, etc. Members are asked to reflect on these questions and send any comments to Bill.

**Steve Frick/N4OGR** pointed out that a picture of Butch at JOTA is on Page 19 of QST. Steve also raised whether the club wanted to participate in the next Manassas Christmas Parade (e.g., a float, decorated vehicle) in addition to providing communications. As a committee of one, Steve said he would contact parade officials regarding application requirements. Steve also raised the possibility of establishing a generator maintenance schedule or at least preparation of Standard Operating Procedure and fact sheet with service information to be attached to the generators.

**Susan/K3SSP** asked whether we could get to the generators at the shed if all electricity went out since the storage business has a gate/barricade which requires electricity. This issue was initially raised at the “Radio in the Park” event a few weeks earlier. **Jeff Poulin/N1SN** agreed to query storage facility regarding backup capability to get through gate after usual business hours if electricity is out.

No **50-50** because **David Lane/KG4GIY** (secretary and keeper of the 50-50 material) was not present. He was attending a Prince William County event dealing with September 11.

**The Program:** **Packet Basics** (excellent program presented by **Bill South/N4WJN**)

The meeting was adjourned at 2137hr. The next meeting is **Monday January 21, 2001** at 2000hr.

## SUNSHINE CORNER

### Happy New Year!

Your good thoughts and prayers are requested for **JR Adams/N4BXA**, who had **emergency heart bypass surgery** just before Christmas, and returned home a few days later. JR is a former club member.

Welcome to new members **Chris/KU4FT**, who holds an **Advanced** license, and **Tim/KG4OJG**, who holds a **Technician** license.

Congratulations to **Charlotte**, who has earned her **Technician's** license, and has the call sign **KG4QXO** -- good job!

**Happy Birthday** to **Ed/WD4AVU**, **Lisa KF4FJD**, **Alan/WA2GTT**, **Woody/N4MQ**, **Ellie/KF4NBO**, **Milt/N4SN** and **John/WA1STU**! I hope each of you has a great day! And a **Belated Happy Birthday** to **Hugh/N3GJG**!

Have a **great New Year**, and put any **new Ham gear** you got for **Christmas**, to good use!

Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW

## OVH Jamboree On The Air

Hi Y'All:

Well, Old **Butch/W4HJL** made Page 19 of the January 2002 **QST** - with a short blurb about **Urbanna Swim Club** and **The Ole VA Hams ARC**. Three Cheers for Publicity in Action.

73, **Augie/KW4AW**, [kw4aw@ieee.org](mailto:kw4aw@ieee.org)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The OVH Nominating Committee met recently and they have recommended the following slate of officers for the coming year.

<b>President:</b>	<b>???</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Ruth Frock/KU4WH</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Bill South/N4WJN</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Phil Colling/AC4PL</b>

As you will notice, there is no candidate for the President's slot. Qualifications for President are as follows: A licensed amateur radio operator, other than No-Code Technician or Novice and a member in good standing. The President shall be either a Charter Member or have been an Active Member for at least one year.

Any member who meets the criteria and would like to volunteer for this position, please let one of the directors know as soon as possible. We are looking for someone to continue to lead us up the path that Jeff has laid out so well. You will have the support of the Board of Directors, counsel from past officers, and the help of many experienced committees.

Nominations will be made at the January Meeting. Elections will be held at the next meeting on February 18, 2002. Nominations may be made from the floor, as long as the person being nominated has given their permission prior to the Election, and that the nominee meets the criteria as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws. Election will be by Secret Ballot.

# RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!!

Below is the 2002 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below.

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION**  
**"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB"**  
**2002**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)  
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)  
DO YOU WANT YOUR PHONE NO. LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)  
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are now **\$10.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2002  
Dues for additional family members **living at the same mailing address** are **\$5.00**

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
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