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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES JANUARY 2004

Next meeting: January 19, 2004

Need your input for the Newsletter. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month.!!!

Greetings to all OVH'ers,

It is my sincere wish that each one of you had a wonderful holiday season with both friends and family. The **OVH Christmas Party** proved to be a big success, as everyone in attendance appeared to have a great time. The event was attended by club members, their families and guests. I'd like to thank both **Dwight/N4GSD** and **Theresa/KG4TVM** for spearheading that wonderfully festive gathering. With the New Year upon us, planning of the **June Hamfest** has already begun. A hamfest planning meeting will be held at the **Blasdell's** home this month. If you have any suggestions, or otherwise would like to help make this year's hamfest a success please, please feel free to either attend one of our future planning meetings or simply drop me an email. Any suggestions that are received by me will readily be passed on to the hamfest committee.

OVH's next meeting will be held on Monday, January 19th at 8 PM at the **NOVEC Technical Center** located in **Gainesville**, **VA**. It is once again **time** for each of us to **renew our membership** with OVH. Thus, those attending the meeting should be sure to bring along both their renewal applications (which can be downloaded from the OVH website at: www.w4ovh.net) (and it's the last page of the newsletter – editor) and yearly membership fees. Naturally, our remaining members are invited to mail their forms and fees to the club mailing address listed on the same form. Finally, I am pleased to announce that OVH member **Wayne/AG4ZZ** has agreed to **provide a presentation** on the joys of "*QRP and building your own radio equipment*" during our **January meeting**. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

73 for now,

Ruth/KU4WH

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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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Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation - 170

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting Dec. 15, 2003

The meeting was called to order by **President Ruth Frock/KU4WH** at 2000 Eastern time.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns. There were 19 members.

PROGRAM

David Lane/KG4GIY gave a talk on the **National Traffic System (NTS)** in emergencies. The basic purpose of the NTS is to move large amounts of information around the nation and the world in an efficient manner. The basic "tool" for this activity is the "radiogram." Anyone can download the Radiogram from the ARRL website. There are other forms related to the NTS. David gave us a primer on how to fill out the radiogram. **Thank you David** for your presentation on the NTS.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: – The minutes of the November 2003 OVH meeting were approved with minor corrections.

<u>TREASUERER'S REPORT</u>: Ruth/KU4WH – Ruth read both the monthly and year-end reports, and the reports were approved.

<u>REPEATERS</u>: Art/W1CRO – Some repairs and maintenance have been done to the repeaters recently, and all of the repeaters are working well.

<u>HAMFEST</u>: Ruth/KU4WH – Jack has moved. The Hamfest Committee needs to meet. Any interested people please volunteer for the committee.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Mary Lu/KB4EFP - A family named: Steven/KM4US, Julia/N4UGR and Christopher/KI4AZN Moody was read in at the November 2003 OVH meeting, and were voted in unanimously at the December 2003 OVH meeting. Welcome to the Ole' Virginia Hams Steven, Julia and Christopher.

<u>FAR</u>: Ruth/KU4WH – Autocall may be published next year as a quarterly publication, beginning with the February issue. Fallfest with be September 11 and 12 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. They need folks to volunteer to help with Autocall.

WEEKLY NET: Ruth/KU4WH – All is going well with the net.

<u>ARES</u>: David/KG4GIY – Radio shack is clearing out some of their headsets with boom mikes. The price is quite good. There will be a drill at Dulles Airport in May. This is a full drill with all hospitals in the area participating. Note that you may have to have a background check to get into certain facilities. Please take care of that beforehand to take part in these drills.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR: Brian/N8FK - Skywarn thanks us for use of our beam.

<u>JOTA</u>: Ruth/KU4WH – John/KG4NXT was thanked by Thomas Jefferson H.S. for Science and Technology.

New Business:

Steve/N4OGR made a motion that the OVH donate \$25 to the American Heart Association in the name of Milt's (N4SN's) wife. The motion passed.

Old Business:

The OVH holiday party is this Saturday, December 20.. Please bring something.

Club Logo:

George/KE2AM showed some **potential designs** for a **new club logo** and made a motion that we vote on a new logo. The motion passed.

Art/W1CRO made a **motion** to have an **official logo** that would be used as an official corporate logo "**sans the pig**." This official logo would be used in presenting the Club to public officials and others in our official business. This motion does not preclude having unofficial logos that would be used among ourselves and for non-official business. The motion passed.

OVH Directors:

John Zorger/WA1STU and **Charlie Dale/WA4YGI** were elected as new directors. Thank you John and Charlie for agreeing to be Directors.

John/KG4NXT won the 50/50 raffle. \$22 was collected, \$11 going to John and \$11 going to the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 2120 Eastern time.

73s Phil/AC4PL

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy New Year! Hope all are enjoying a new start to Ham Radio!

Thanks to Dwight/N4GSD, who organized a great Christmas Social for the club!

Condolences to **Keith/KM4AA**, whose father passed away on 21 December. **Our thoughts and prayers are with you**.

Congratulations to Craig/N4WUV, whose harmonic Ariel graduated from Penn State University on 20 December.

Welcome to our new members, voted into the club in December – **Steven/KM4US**, **Julia/N4UGR** and **Christopher/KI4AZN**. We look forward to hearing you on the air!

Happy Birthday to our fellow Hams: Ed/WD4AVU, Elizabeth/KG4NXV, Robert/KA4NES, Alan/WA2GTT, Tom/K4OPS, Milt/N4SN, Lisa/KF4FJD, Ellie/KF4NBO, Woody/N4MQ, and John/WA1STU. Hope each of you has a great day!

Make your New Year's resolution to spend more time Hamming!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

BPL Clearinghouse Info On OVH WEB

If you are a ham who is concerned about what BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) is, and how it will affect Amateur radio, SWL, emergency service, time standard and other HF reception, please go to http://www.w4ovh.net/ and check the BPL Facts link on the main page.

If you know of any additional links that discuss BPL, please forward those in an e-mail to BPL@W4OVH.NET
Bill South/N4WJN/OVH WEBmaster

ARRL Foundation Scholarship Deadline Looms



(Jan 12, 2004) -- The February 1, 2004, deadline is fast approaching to apply for ARRL Foundation-sponsored scholarships. Individual awards range from \$500 to \$5000 for single-year scholarship awards and up to \$10,000 annually for the multi-year William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship. Information and applications for all ARRL Foundation scholarship awards are available on the ARRL Web site. Don't delay! Send scholarship applications with academic

transcripts (and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Student Aid Report--<u>FAFSA-SAR</u>--for the Goldfarb Scholarship) to The ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111. The February 1, 2004, postmark deadline is firm. There are *no* exceptions!

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ARISS School Group Contact Falls Victim to Space Station Air Leak



(Jan 12, 2004) -- NASA has postponed an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school group contact as the space agency and station crew continued efforts to pin down the source of an apparent air leak on board the ISS. Students at Armstrong Middle School in Flint, Michigan, were scheduled to speak with Expedition 8 commander Mike Foale, KB5UAC, at NA1SS early today. News reports early today indicated that officials are fairly certain that Foale was able to locate the leak in the US Destiny Lab module. NASA has not yet confirmed this, but the space agency says the crew is in no danger from the pressure drop.

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ARRL Emergency Communications Course registration



(Jan 9, 2004) -- Registration opens Monday, January 12, 12:01 AM Eastern Time (0501 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the January 17-18 weekend or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Class begins Tuesday, January 27. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, approximately 50 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn

more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (<u>C-CE</u>) Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org, 860-594-0340.

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ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration



(Jan 9, 2004) -- Registration for the ARRL Antenna Modeling Course (EC-004) opens Monday, January 12, 12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time (0501 UTC). Registration will remain open through Sunday, January 18. Classes begin Tuesday January 20. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) Web page. For more information, contact Certification and Continuing Education Program

Department.

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Austrian Authorities Pull Plug on BPL Pilot Project



(Jan 8, 2004) -- The Austrian Amateur Transmitter Federation (Österreichischer Versuchssenderverband--ÖVSV) reports that a Broadband over Power Line (BPL) field test in the city of Linz has been cut short as a result of excessive radio interference. ÖVSV, Austria's International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-society, said in December that the Government Ministry for Commerce, Innovation and Technology closed down Linz Power Company's BPL pilot project because it was generating interference on the HF bands. Shortwave broadcaster Radio Austria's *futureZone* service says the case that brought the issue to a head was a Red Cross report that emergency services radio traffic during a disaster response drill last May was the victim of massive

BPL interference.

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Web Program Available to Create Cabrillo Format Logs



(Jan 7, 2004) -- The ARRL Contest Branch has announced that a Web-based "applet" program now is available that can create and e-mail contest logs in the Cabrillo file format ARRL requires.

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ARRL Exam Session Search

This page will help you find a US amateur license exam session near you. Database last updated on Wed 14-Jan-2004

35 found within approximately 100 miles of 20109

17-Jan-2004

Sponsor: LAUREL ARC VEC Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN B CREEL (301)572-5124

VEC: Laurel VEC
Location:
384 MAIN ST

LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

LAUREL, MD 20707

19-Jan-2004

Sponsor: DULLES ARG Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins) Contact: MICHAEL E WEBER (703)450-2304

Email: WB8RDN@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

21014 WHITFIELD PL

NEXT TO EAST LOUDOUN REG LIB PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

STERLING, VA 20165

25-Jan-2004

Sponsor: ARA RADIO CLUB Time: 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ROBERT E LONG

(301)824-5132

Email: RJLONG61@MD.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: HAGERSTOWN SDA CHURCH 11507 ROBINWOOD DR PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

31-Jan-2004

Sponsor: AERO ARC

Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: PATRICIA E STONE

(410)687-7209

Email: AC3FAC3P@YAHOO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC

LIBRARY

2133 SANDPIPER CIRCLE REGISTRATION @ 1:00 PM WHITE MARSH, MD 21162 Sponsor: PEN-MAR RADIO CLUB Time: 11:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: PATTON C STUMP

(717)632-4237 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC

Location: MIDWAY FIRE CO 202 LINDEN AVE

HANOVER, PA 17331

07-Feb-2004

Sponsor: BALTIMORE ARC Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: LORENZ W SCHAEFER

(410)247-0578

Email: N3WKE@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: BARC MTG &TRAINING FACILITY

12360 OWINGS MILLS BLVD PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED MAY REGISTER FROM 1 TO 2 PM

OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

07-Feb-2004 Sponsor: DCMARC

Time: 12:30PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: KENNETH L COURTNEY

(301)856-3005

Email: AA3NN@AOL.COM

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: PALMER PARK REC CENTER

7720 BARLOWE RD PALMER PARK, MD 20785

08-Feb-2004

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ALAN R MOECK

(540)869-1117

Email: WA2RPX@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: TIMBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY

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Sponsor: YORK HAMFEST FOUNDATION

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: RAYMOND A SHAUB

(717)292-3529

Email: W3AXC@ARRL.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: ADAMS ELECTRICAL CO-OP

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YORK, PA 17404

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Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RC Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: ROBERT L ROSE

(410)437-8193

Email: AA3RR@EROLS.COM

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: AARC CLUBHOUSE DAVIDSONVILLE FAMILY REC CTR PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED MAY REGISTER FROM 12 NOON TO 1

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

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Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: JOHN L FORREST

(703)971-3905

Email: WZ4A@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK

IN REAR 2723 KING ST

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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

14-Feb-2004

Sponsor: SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY VE

TEAM

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: CAROL KIRSCHMAN

(717)235-0273 **VEC:** ARRL/VEC

Location: SHREWSBURY BOROUGH HALL

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15-Feb-2004

Sponsor: RAPPAHANNOCK VE GROUP Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: CURT R BARTHOLOMEW

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Contact: JOHN B CREEL

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LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB

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Special Events - January, 2004

Davidsonville, MD: Anne Arundel Radio Club Jr, W3W. 1300Z Jan 17-1800Z Jan 18. Celebra-ting 3rd Anniversary of a club dedicated to kids. 28.335 21.365 14.265 7.237. Certificate or QSL. Andrew Kelly, K3ASK, 1561 Efford Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122. http://kidshamradio.com/specialevent.html.

Oyster Bay, NY: ARRL NY City/Long Island Section, W2V. 1300Z-2200Z Jan 18. Ham Radio University 2004. 21.270 14.270 7.270. Certificate. George Tranos, PO Box 296, Bellport, NY 11713. http://www.hudson.arrl.org/nli/hru2004.htm.

Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6ANZ. 0700Z Jan 22-2359Z Feb 18. 60th Anniversary of the Battle for Anzio 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey, G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett, Southhampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. http://www.rsars.org.uk/.

Quincy, IL: Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, K9E. 0000Z Jan 23-2359Z Jan 25. Arrival of the Bald Eagles on the Mississippi River. 7.250 14.250 21.350 28.350. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Dr, Quincy, IL 62305.

Green Bay, WI: Bay Area Relay League, W4P. 1200Z Jan 24-1800Z Jan 25. Packers Ice Bowl Remembered. SSB General bands; CW General and Novice bands. Certificate. George Russell, WN8VIX, 2530 Sun Terrace, Green Bay, WI 54311.

San Diego, CA: Challenger Middle School ARC, KI6YG. 1500Z-2400Z Jan 28. 18th Anniversary of the Challenger Disaster. 28.450 21.350 14.250 146.52 FM, QSL, Frank Forrester, KI6YG, Challenger Middle School, 10810 Parkdale Ave, San Diego, CA 92126.

Punxsutawney, PA: Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. 1400Z-2100Z Jan 31. Commemorating Groundhog Day. 14.240 7.240 7.125 146.715. Certificate. Sherman Hollopeter, W3QOS, Box 20216 E Main St, Big Run, PA 15715.

Topeka, KS: Local Area Amateur Radio Operators, N0G. 1600Z-2200Z Jan 31. KS National Guard Museum Tribute. 28.400 21.350 14.310. Certificate. Steve Hamilton, 2523 SW Carlson Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

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