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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JANUARY 2005

Next meeting: January 17, 2005

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

(Editor)

TO ALL OVH:

Just in case anyone hasn't received the official word, we are including the obituary from the Journal Messenger on December 25th.

Harry D. Vorhauer/W4PVA

Harry D. Vorhauer passed away on Dec. 23, 2004. He is survived his loving wife Viola E. Vorhauer; sons Roger and wife Maralyn and Roy and his wife Janet; plus two daughters, Viola Hedrick and her husband Sidney and Georgia Downing and her husband Larry. There are ten grandchildren, Dustin Vorhauer, Erica Vorhauer Gerber, Benjamin Vorhauer, Stephen Vorhauer, Steven Hedrick, Susan Hedrick, Jamie Downing, Sarah Vorhauer, Pam Carmines, and Susan Hogge. He is survived by brothers, George Vorhauer of Yamaguchi, Japan and William Vorhauer of Montana. There are also six great-grandchildren, Todd Vorhauer, Hannah Vorhauer, Joseph Vorhauer, Eric Vorhauer, Jeffrey Hogge, and John Hogge. He was a Navy Veteran of W.W. II and also participated in the Doolittle Raid, Battle of Coral Sea, and Anzio Invasion. He was a member of the W.W. II Thunderbirds. He served on the Saratoga, Enterprise, Yorktown. He owned his own business, Triangle Radio & TV in Chincoteague, VA. He was a 34-year employee of Melpar/E Systems/Raytheon as a Senior Engineer. He was a 50-year member of the American Radio League and a founder of "Ole Virginia Hams" amateur radio club. He taught hundreds of people the necessary course work to qualify for amateur radio licenses. He was involved in emergency radio communications and a Red Cross volunteer. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas, VA.

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WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	RUTH	331-1234
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HAMFEST 2005

Keith Bennington	KEITH	909-1512
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FIELD DAY 2004

Brian	WC4J	257-9545
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CLUB ROSTER

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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EDUCATION

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CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Brian	WC4J	257-9545
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ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David	KG4GIY	361-3042
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FINANCE

Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Bill	N3OH	590-9562
Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234

GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Keith	KM4AA	909-1512

HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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HOME PAGE

Bill	N3OH	590-9562
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JOTA

Paul	N2PJ	330-0796
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LEGAL

Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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John Zorger	WA1STU	754-2378
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NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N3OH	590-9562

PICNIC

TBA

PROGRAM'S

TBA

PUBLICITY

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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Q' MASTER

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
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Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP

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SUNSHINE

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 8:00 PM every third Monday of the month at the NOVEC Tech Center in Gainesville. Prospective members are invited.

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

Permission is hereby granted for the reprinting of articles and quotations in this letter, provided full credit is given to the OVH ARC, and the author of the article. Contribution of printed articles by both members and non-members is encouraged. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month. Submissions should be forwarded to OVH TIMES

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SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy New Year! Resolve to be more involved with Ham Radio this year.

Congratulations to **John/WA1STU**, who was recently named **President** of **ECARS, East Coast Amateur Radio Service!**

Congratulations also to **Dwight**, whose new call sign is **AI4II** -- apparently AI4IH had too many dits!

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 you each have a great day!

Memory Book for **Harry/W4PVA** -- **Steve** had a great idea to put together a memory book for Harry's wife and family of our memories of Harry. Since he was one of the founders of the club, many have long and varied memories. Others have also worked with Harry, as well as knowing him from ham radio.

All memories are welcomed! Please put your thoughts into some form, and include pictures or mementos as you desire. We would prefer typewritten, if possible, for clarity of the readers (Vi has macular degeneration but reads with magnification). Our format is 8.5" x 11".

Theresa/KG4TVM has offered to assist those who want to hand write theirs (she will transcribe) or those who want to dictate (speak with her about this). She may be reached at 703-257-3566.

We would like your submissions by the February meeting. Then we will put together the book and have it for the March meeting, so all may see before it is delivered to Vi.

Theresa had another great idea! She thinks each submission, when finished, should be signed by the ham -- name and call sign. This would need to be done either when your submission is delivered, or no later than the March meeting, if Theresa transcribes or writes yours.

So, pull all those great stories out and get them on paper somehow, and get them to us in 8.5" x 11" format, along with any other articles, by the February meeting!

Another New Year's resolution for you -- be sure to let me know when anything happens that needs to go into the Sunshine Corner!

Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting
December 20, 2004

Ruth/KU4WH called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern Time.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES – The minutes of the November 2004 OVH meeting were approved with no corrections.

REPEATERS – **Butch/W4HJL** - The repeaters are working well. We had a short discussion regarding some of the noises heard on the repeater. **Art/W1CRO** provided technical explanations for some of the noises that we have been hearing on the repeaters. The battery backups that we installed last year are working very well.

EDUCATION – **Brian/WC4J** – We are working on having a Saturday class. Brian is looking for another possible location. **John/WA1STU** said that he's ready to go. We had a short discussion and exchanged various ideas on how a class may be conducted.

HAMFEST – **Ruth/KU4WH** – We will meet shortly after the New Year to get things rolling. **Keith/KM4AA** has graciously volunteered to be the OVH Hamfest Chairman. Thank you Keith.

MEMBERSHIP - **John/WA1STU** – Dwight **Agnew/N4GSD** was voted into the OVH by a unanimous vote.

FAR - **Mary Lu/KB4EFP** – FAR is accepting applications for 55 scholarships for the 2005/2006 academic year. For more information, please contact Diane Zimmerman at AA3OF@arrl.net.

WEEKLY NETS – **Ruth/KU4WH** – The Nets are going well. New volunteers to help with the weekly net are always welcome

ARES – **Brian/WC4J** – Brian noted that we need to check our batteries in preparation for Winter. **Ruth/KU4WH** thanked everyone who helped with the Manassas Christmas Parade.

JOTA – **Ruth/KU4WH** – We had a very nice Thank You Letter from Cub Scout Pack 1195, which had 14 scouts at the OVH JOTA Event. Ruth presented badges to all OVH members who helped with that event. Thank you to all who helped.

SUNSHINE - **Ruth/KU4WH** – Ruth thanked **John/KG4NXT** and **Theresa/KG4TVM (The Heartneys)** for their hospitality in hosting the OVH holiday party. Thank you John and Theresa.

TREASURER'S REPORT - **Bill/N3OH** – Bill presented the Treasurer's report.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve/N4OGR and **Jan/KE4TMW** provided information on a charity that they are supporting for the **Fisher House**. **Fisher House** provides support for wounded members of the U.S. armed forces and discounted housing for their families.

BREAK

NEW BUSINESS – CONTINUED

George/K4GVT suggested that we have a **BPL Committee** and a regular report for the OVH meetings. **Ken/WB4ZOH** gave us an update on new BPL locations that he has spotted. If you have an HF rig in your car, you can help find BPL interference.

Brian/WC4J – Brian suggested that we may have a raffle to help raise funds. Brian will submit a proposal to the Board and Budget Committee.

Dwight/N4GSD – Dwight suggested that once a month or so that those of us who have time and would like get together informally to operate ham radios or just get together for lunch or dinner.

Art/W1CRO asked if we donated to QSL. After looking in the minutes of previous meetings, we noted that we voted at the May 2004 meeting to donate \$100. We had not yet made that donation, but now will.

OLD BUSINESS

Theresa/KG4TVM – About 40 OVH members and guests showed up for the Christmas party and 29 toys were donated for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots charity. Thank you to all who donated to the Toys for Tots charity.

Packet/Bill N4WJN – A local packet system (the NIH node) is being shut down. Bill read a letter from NIH noting why they are shutting down their operation.

50/50 - We collected \$37. **Mary Lu/KB4EFP** won and collected \$19. The Club collected \$18.

Ruth/KU4WH noted that there is a Hamfest in Odenton Maryland MMARC at the end of January.

Brian/WC4J introduced **Kyle/W4KTF** and **Sandra/KI4HVG (Fox)** who were guests at the OVH meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2119 Eastern time.

73s

Phil/AC4PL

FCC CITES HOMEOWNERS FOR CAUSING INTERFERENCE TO RADIO AMATEUR

From The ARRL Letter, Vol 24, No 01

Things aren't all that friendly in one Friendswood, Texas, neighborhood, where a dispute over interference from one couple's battery chargers to a neighboring radio amateur has resulted in an official FCC Citation to the couple. The December 10 Citation is the latest chapter in a long-running dispute that FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth has described as "an unfortunate neighborhood situation." The Citation sprang from complaints by ARRL member William Cooper, W5ZAF, that his next-door neighbors' battery chargers were interfering with his ham radio activities. The FCC concurred.

"Investigation by the FCC's Houston Office revealed that on December 7, 2004, you were operating battery charging devices at your residence," the Citation said. "These devices were observed to be generating radio frequency pulses on various high-frequency radio bands. These radio frequency pulses were determined to be causing harmful interference to the Amateur Radio Service." Only after FCC agents visited the couple's home did the interference cease. The FCC did not make the couple's names public nor did it post the Citation on its Web site.

The ARRL Laboratory has been working with the FCC and Cooper to help broker a resolution to the interference issue.

FCC Part 15 rules regulating "unintentional radiators" require that the operator of such devices must cease operation upon FCC notification that it's causing harmful interference. "Operation may not resume until the condition causing the harmful interference has been corrected," the FCC said.

Since it began about a year ago--when Cooper first suspected the interference he was hearing came from his neighbors' Christmas lights--the squabble has escalated beyond the interference issue. Both parties have hired attorneys, and volumes of correspondence have changed hands. Last September, the couple complained that Cooper's antenna support structure violated homeowners' association covenants.

After notices from the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau went unanswered, Hollingsworth issued warning notices to the couple last June and September alleging that the battery chargers--apparently used to charge some electric scooters--were causing interference. Cooper provided his neighbors with free toroid core devices that resolved the interference, but the couple subsequently removed them. The couple told Hollingsworth they'd initially been willing to work with Cooper but took out the filters after he allegedly made disparaging remarks about them to another neighbor and took photos of their house and property.

Hollingsworth responded by emphasizing that it's the couple's responsibility to correct the interference--whether or not they accept Cooper's help. Simply unplugging the chargers when not in use--as they had suggested--was not an acceptable solution, he told them in his final Warning Notice. Cooper claimed the chargers had been operating 24 hours a day.

The FCC Citation, which does not require a response from the couple, warned that subsequent violations could lead to fines, equipment seizure and even possible criminal sanctions.

IN BRIEF

All IN BRIEF Items from The ARRL Letter, Vol 24, No 01

* This weekend on the radio: The North American QSO Party (CW), the ARRL RTTY Roundup, the WQF QRP Party, the Midwinter Contest (CW), the EUCW 160-Meter Contest, the NRAU-Baltic Contest (CW/SSB), the Midwinter Contest (SSB) and the DARC 10-Meter Contest, are the weekend of Jan 8-9. JUST AHEAD: The North American QSO Party (SSB), the Hunting Lions in the Air Contest, the LZ Open Contest, the Michigan QRP January CW Contest and the Hungarian DX Contest are the weekend of January 15-16. See the ARRL Contest Branch page <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar <<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>> for more info.

* ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration: Registration for the Technician Licensing course (EC-010) remains open through Sunday, January 9. Classes begin Friday, January 21. With the assistance of a mentor, EC-010 students learn everything they need to know to pass the FCC Technician class license examination. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/>> Web page or contact the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Program Department <cce@arrl.org>.

* Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration: Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level II on-line course (EC-002) opens Monday, January 10, at 1201 AM EST and will remain open until all available seats have been filled or through the January 15-16 weekend. Class begins Friday, January 28. 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. Radio amateurs 55 and up are strongly encouraged to participate. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/>>. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, 860-594-0340; <cce@arrl.org>.

* Southern Florida SEC Jim Goldsberry, KD4GR, SK: ARRL Southern Florida Section Emergency Coordinator Jim Goldsberry, KD4GR, of Sunrise, died December 27. He was 60. An ARRL Life Member, Goldsberry also served as an ARRL Assistant Section Manager, District Emergency Coordinator and Official Emergency Station. "Jim was an invaluable asset to the ham radio community in South Florida," said Frank Marques, KG4EQY. "His passing will leave a void that will be difficult to fill." Marques said Goldsberry worked long hours to ensure that the Amateur Radio community was fully trained and prepared to handle any emergency, especially during hurricane season. "This hard work was well rewarded this year, when Jim worked tirelessly to coordinate communication assistance teams to the west and east coasts of Florida in response to hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne." Goldsberry assumed his first leadership role in Amateur Radio public service in 1990 when he became an Emergency Coordinator. Earlier this year, he stepped down as net manager of the 2-meter Southeast Florida Traffic Net, a position he'd held for some time. "Jim Goldsberry was always there whenever anyone was trying to find his/her place in the amateur radio structure," commented Ford Beach, KB4WBY. "Jim welded the SEFTN into a training and traffic net that became the envy of many who checked in from other areas." Beach said Goldsberry also encouraged members to upgrade and promoted Amateur Radio classes. A service was held December 31 in Sunrise.

* Arkansas club announces Field Day 2A plaque, 2004 winners: The Batesville Amateur Radio Club in Arkansas has announced the 2004 winners of its W5VAE Memorial Trophy. The new award recognizes the highest class 2A ARRL Field Day score. The award honors the memory of Dr Myrlas Matthews, W5VAE, who died shortly after operating with the club during ARRL Field Day 2003. "Myrlas was an Elmer to many hams in Arkansas and a pioneer in many aspects of the hobby," said BARC President David Norris, K5UZ. "Myrlas loved Field Day, and we could not think of a better tribute and memorial to a great Elmer." The club presented the 2004 trophy to Joel Harrison, W5ZN, and Matthews' son Douglas, WB5OAQ. ARRL Contest Branch Manager commended the club for coming up with an outstanding way to honor a deserving member of the amateur fraternity. "I am sure Myrlas' love for the hobby will live on in part because of the club's efforts," he said. "Congratulations to all involved."

* Club announces "Project Diana" special event: The Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club (OMARC) in New Jersey will operate a special event station January 15-16 to commemorate "Project Diana," the first-ever successful moonbounce experiment, conducted January 10, 1946, by the US Army Signal Corps. OMARC will operate N2MO on CW, SSB and possibly other modes in the General and Novice-Technician subbands of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. An article on the Project Diana accomplishment, "A DX Record: To the Moon and Back--How the Moon-Radar Feat was Accomplished," appeared in the April 1946 issue of QST. Special event QSL information and more on Project Diana is on the OMARC Web site <<http://www.omarc.org>>.--Steve Hajducek, N2CKH

RE M I N D E R



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

Below is the 2005 Renewal Application.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB"

2005

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
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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, 2005
Dues for additional family members **living at the same mailing address** are **\$5.00**

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

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