

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

## February 2013

### Next Meeting: Monday, February 18, 2012

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all, February is a big month for OVH. At the upcoming February meeting, the OVH will hold its annual officer elections; all members have a voice and it will be time to participate during the election. I remind everyone again that it is time for renewal of your OVH club membership for 2013, and that that must be done before the voting at the upcoming OVH meeting.

Renewal Forms are posted on the W4OVH.NET web site under Membership Application and a renewal form is included later in this newsletter. Print out the form, fill it in, and then mail it in or bring it to the meeting. It is also now possible to renew your membership online.

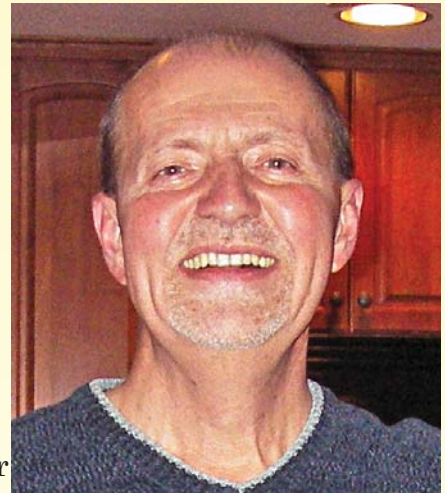
As most of you know (I announced it last month), I will not be running for president again this year although a number of members have urged me to do so; I've served in that position for the last six years which have been quite a ride for the OVH. I have enjoyed working with all of you to achieve the direction the majority of the club members have sought and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve you.

Now it's time to let someone else take the reins as President of the OVH. One of our members once said to me "we didn't always agree" to which I responded: "if we agreed on everything I wouldn't trust you." Indeed, if we all agree on every issue, most likely one of us is not sharing his or her true thoughts. My point is we are all individuals, we all have freewill and having your say at the membership meetings is an expression of just that. I hope that we continue to have good debates and continue to guide the club in a direction that is best for the OVH.

In my own opinion, the OVH is one of the finest groups of people I have had the pleasure to know. I look forward to continuing to participate very actively in most club activities.

I hope all can attend the upcoming OVH meeting on Monday, February 18th at 7:30 PM!

73 George K4GVT



# Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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## OFFICERS

President:	George Tarnovsky	K4GVT	791-5956
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Treasurer:	Gary Gilham	WG4ARC	932-1118

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Arthur Whittum	W1CRO	791-4330
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## WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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## HAMFEST 2013

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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## FIELD DAY 2013

Randy	WB7RAV	393-1494
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## CLUB ROSTER / DATABASE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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## EDUCATION

Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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Prince William County ARES website		<a href="http://pwcares.org">http://pwcares.org</a>

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Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
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## JOTA

Scott	KB8NUM	365-2642
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## LEGAL

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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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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

TBA

## QUARTERMASTER

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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## REPEATER CONTROLLERS

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Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
David	KG4GIY	361-3042
George	K4GVT	791-5956
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435

## W4OVH / W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
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## SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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## SUNSHINE

Theresa (Acting)	KG4TVM	257-3566
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## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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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 Repeater 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:

Very happy birthday wishes to Roland / WB4NWX, Patty / KI4FQF, Norman / KK4HDL, Art / W1CRO and Branch / KI4KEX

I have gone thru our membership list and we are missing the birthdays (or birth months) of several members, if you have a birthday this month and your name isn't listed please send me an email with the day.

Congratulations again to George / K4GVT and his wife Ev on their daughter Tanya making the Dean's List at JMU; she has had quite an exciting few months! Congratulations to Tanya, all that hard work is paying off.

Very sad news to report, a long time OVH member, Bob / N4RL, has passed away at the age of 85. He was our last WWII Vet. We will all miss seeing him at the club meetings and checking into the Thursday night VHF net.

"Bob always had a hearty 'hello' and a smile whenever we saw him." - Theresa / KG4TVM

"Bob and I go way back, he truly was gentle giant." - Butch / W4HJL

"For those that didn't know Bob, he was a former club station trustee and a former Director contributed a lot of support for the club over the years." - Art / W1CRO

"Bob was a wonderful man, Ev and Mom remember him in vivid detail from our Christmas Parties" George / K4GVT

"Bob was a skilled meteorologist who had also flown airplanes. When prompted, he could talk at length about his weather forecasting and flying exploits." - Paul / W4ZB.

Listening in on the OVH net, we have had several club members sick during the past month. Here's to a full and quick recovery for everyone affected.

The groundhog says spring is here, but it's still too cold for me! I'm sure his prediction was lost on the New England area during the recent record snow there. Our thoughts are with our friends and family to the north as they struggle to recover from this storm.

The Vienna Hamfest, Winterfest, is coming up on Feb 24th; it's always good to see many OVH members attend! A copy of the brochure for that appears later in this Newsletter.

If you have news, good or bad, for the sunshine corner, please email to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or call me at 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

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## Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting January 15, 2012:

George K4GVT called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. 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 26 OVH members and 5 guests.

George / K4GVT announced that elections will be held in February and asked **Continued on page 4**

for nominations, Clarence / K4CNM has volunteered to run for Vice President, Gary / WG4ARC will run for Treasurer again, no other nominations were received.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – by Gary / WG4ARC approved as read.

Membership – Terry / KC4DV presented applications to be voted on for Baofang / KK4JFK and Laura Campbell / KK4MXS; both voted in unanimously.

ARES – David / KG4GIY announced that there will be a drill in March and the MS Walk will be on the 1st Saturday in April.

Repeaters – Keith / KM4AA has an agenda to work on antennas and is working to address issues; Joe / KI4OHR was concerned about the age of the repeaters and cost of repairs; Keith / KM4AA is working systematically on issues.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ will hold a General class in April; Mark helped during a training session with the Loudoun Amateur Radio Club and the Boy Scouts.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported that the next Hamfest Committee meeting will be on February 13th; he will put an email on the reflector with a list positions that still need help; Joe / KI4OHR advised he has lined up 5 confirmed programs for the Hamfest.

Sunshine – Theresa / KG4TVM reported that George's / K4GVT daughter was engaged over the holidays and will be getting married at West Point.

Web Site – Paul / W4ZB reported that the W4OVH.NET web site is working.

Theresa KG4TVM asked if anyone would be interested in participating in Girl Scout Adventure Day which, this year will be on May 18th at the Fauquier County fairgrounds/

David / KG4GIY will be working on the reflector list; members not in good standing will be removed; he will send a list to the board before removing anyone.

Field Day – Randy / WB7RAV lead a discussion on the purposes of Field Day and asked what the Club wanted to do about the location this year; discussion followed; a vote was taken on whether the location should be at a Manassas / Manassas Park location to be determined or at the Nokesville Park; a majority voted for a Manassas / Manassas Park location.

## Break

50/50 for half the cash and a book donated by Joe / KI4OHR, drawing was won by Terry / KC4DV. Raffle for the mystery box donated by Mark / WA4KFZ, won by Wayne / AG4ZZ

New Business – Art / W1CRO announced that the Finance Committee had just finished the budget and should be able to present the budget at the next meeting.

Trailer – graphics will be at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



## Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

### HAMFESTS:

Sunday, February 24, 2013 - Winterfest, Vienna Wireless, at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, Virginia. See the Winterfest flyer later in this newsletter.

Saturday, April 6, 2013 - Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computerfest, Timonium, Maryland. See <http://gbhc.org> for more information.

Thursday, May 16, 2013 - Contest University, Dayton, Ohio - one very full day (7:00am- 5:00pm) just before the Dayton Hamvention starts; this excellent program is taught by the best instructors anywhere. See <http://contestuniversity.com> for details and registration information. Highly recommended by the two OVH members attended in 2012.

Friday - Sunday, May 17 - 19, 2013, Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. For full details, go to <http://hamvention.org> Check with George / K4GVT who is arranging for some convenient hotel space (which may still be available) in Dayton and may be able to assist with transportation.

Sunday, June 9, 2013 - The Manassas Hamfest will be put on by the OVH for the 39th time. Reserve this date. More information will follow.

### TECHNICAL CONFERENCES:

Thursday, February 14, 2013 - 7:30 pm. - AMRAD Meeting at the Dolly Madison Library in McLean Virginia. Paul / K4KRE will demonstrate his SDR radio. More info at <http://amrad.org>

Friday - Sunday, April 26 - 28, 2013, 39th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference, Manchester, CT. Full details at <http://www.newsvhf.com/vhfconf.html>

### OPERATING EVENTS AND CONTESTS:

Saturday - Sunday, June 22-23, 2013 - ARRL / OVH Field Day - exact location to be determined in Manassas or Manassas Park. This is a major fun club event. Save this date. For more info, check back here on the OVH Reflector, also contact OVH Field Day Chairman, Randy / WB7RAV.

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

### 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. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

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## Some Possibly Useful Information

1. ARRL / OVH Field Day is still quite a long way off (June 22-23, 2013), but the ARRL has issued its Field Day info package at: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2013/2013%20FD%20Packet%20Version%201.pdf> If you are “new” to Field Day, download a copy and read it; if you think you know everything about Field Day, you should read it too because you probably don’t know everything.

2. FCC greatly expands “experimental license” procedures. Those who like to follow the wandering of the FCC and to read fine print should get a copy of the FCC’s recently published Report & Order (FCC 13-15) which can be downloaded at: [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-15A1\\_Rcd.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-15A1_Rcd.pdf) Will this adversely affect ham radio operations by increasing interference level on the ham bands? It appears it could, but we will have to wait to see once it is implemented.

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3. ITU - International Radio Regulations. The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) is a UN related organization which is responsible under treaties for the International Radio Regulations. Until very recently, these fine print documents were only available at great expense. Now, at last, you can download them without charge if you wish to learn more about that subject. Go to: <http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REG-RR-2012>

4. Antennas & Home Owners Associations. Many hams who have not been thinking ahead learn unhappily that their ability to erect or place outdoor antennas at or near their place of residence is restricted by lease terms or home owner association restrictions. It is estimated that as many as 35% to 45% of all hams are affected by such restrictions today. The short answer is to be sure to get copies of all pertinent documents and read them carefully before you lease or purchase any real property to avoid surprises. If you are confronting such a surprise or considering purchasing real property where you may want to use ham radios, be sure to check out the ARRL publication: Antenna Zoning for the Radio Amateur. It may seem pricey at \$50, but that amount is almost insignificant compared to the costs of legal proceedings which can arise due to ignorance, mistake or misunderstanding. In some situations, the impediment to putting up a desired antenna can come from a local municipal or county government; this text provides many insights on how to deal with and work around such impediments when they arise. The author of that text (Fred / K1VR) is a bona fide expert on the entire subject, and maintains a useful web site in support of the text. Worth visiting if you are concerned with these type of issues: [http://www.antennazoning.com/main/page\\_amateur\\_radio\\_legal\\_library.html](http://www.antennazoning.com/main/page_amateur_radio_legal_library.html)

4. Gmail users. Many of us use the excellent gmail system provided by Google for various purposes. One concern, disadvantage or potential problem is that gmail emails (and attachments) remain on Google's servers unless you forward them to yourself, one by one, and then delete them from the Google server. This situation attracted the attention of some smarter people who provided an easier solution for bulk downloading of gmail emails from Google's server. For details, check out <http://www.gmail-backup.com> where a free application is available; you will need to spend some time reading and thinking in order to use this application effectively, but the good news is that it does work well.

5. Jim / K9YK maintains a very useful web page with links to many articles and PowerPoint presentations he had written about audio, filtering, elimination of audio interference from RF, microphones, etc. He operates a business dealing with those types of matters and most certainly is a real expert in that subject area.

6. Tektronix Oscilloscopes and Test Equipment. Tektronix has an lengthy list of tutorial and informational videos on youtube.com To find them, search Tektronix on YouTube. Some of the videos also offer downloadable PDF files which supplement the video and provide additional information.

7. The North East Weak Signal Group, an ARRL affiliated club, maintains a web site with a lot of helpful information about VHF and UHF equipment and operations at <http://www.newsvhf.com> This group also sponsors the annual Eastern VHF/UHF Conference, now in its 39th year.

8. High Power Operators. Harbach Electronics of Ohio is discontinuing its support for the Peter Dahl line of high performance, high power transformers which were available for many years. Electronic Products Design, Inc. in North Carolina is another source of high power and custom transformers. Go to <http://epd-inc.com/>

9. Wallwarts, Wall Adapter Power Supplies. These types of power supplies have become ubiquitous, so much so that we can have difficulties or even serious problems if pick the wrong one out of large box of "spares" or chose a replacement which doesn't have adequate capacity or overheats. Most put out DC (at various predetermined voltages), but some put out AC (at various predetermined voltages); the standard connector sizes are often very similar, and equipment can be easily damaged or destroyed if the wrong one is plugged in. Some are RF noisy. This is not high tech stuff, but there is still a lot to learn and to avoid making repeated mistakes such as destroying equipment by plugging in the wrong one. The West Coast electronics supply house, Jameco, has a helpful web page on this topic at: <http://www.jameco.com/Jameco/content/walladapter.html>

# RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2013 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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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" 2013

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

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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, 2013. 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.

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

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

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

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

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

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

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**  
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# WINTERFEST!™

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA HAM RADIO FAIR

- Ham Radio, Electronics, and Computer Parts, Pieces, and Paraphernalia
- Large Indoor Exhibit Area
- QSL checking for WAS, DXCC, VUCC until Noon
- 150 Paved Tailgate Spaces (\$15 for one space—includes one admission)
- Improved and expanded loading dock!
- FREE On-Site Parking

**TAILGATING!**  
Tailgate area opens at 6AM

**When: Sunday, February 24, 2013**

**Where: Northern Virginia Community College  
Annandale Campus  
833 Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA  
38.833216° N, -77.236872° W**



**Cost: \$6.00 per person**

**Talk-In 146.91 MHz FM**  
Courtesy of NVFMA

**Indoor Exhibit Area Opens to the Public at 8AM**

**Book your tables Online!**

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