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Next meeting: March 19, 2001

Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for the Newsletter!!!

(Editor)

Message From The President

Greetings to All OVH Members:

Welcome to my first column as OVH President. I hope the coming year will provide fun and learning opportunities for our membership. The February meeting minutes in this newsletter mention some activities for the OVH in the next several months. If you have ideas for programs or club functions, please let me know. (Phone 361-5865 e-mail KV4AP@arrl.net) Do you have questions about operating or technical matters? Let's try to provide some answers.

Please remember that March 30 is the end of the renewal period. If you haven't renewed your membership by then, you won't receive the 2001 membership card with the new repeater codes. I urge you to send in your dues before the end of the month. Better yet, come to the meeting on March 19 where you can renew and participate in our OVH plans.

73,

Jeff/KV4AP

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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.

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 EDITOR: Steve Meade KB4OF, PO Box 1418, Manassas, VA 20108-1418, or to sameade@erols.com

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Minutes of the OVH Meeting

19 February 2001

The meeting was called to order at 2000 by **Don "Butch" Blasdell/W4HJL** acting as chair.

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

Attendance: 20 members and 2 guests

The past month's minutes were passed. The Treasurer was unable to attend.

Committee Reports

Repeater: **Art Whittum/KW4AW** - Need to install the lightning arresters.

Education: **Bill Hinely/K4WRG** - Request is in to **Stonewall Jackson High School** for use of the room. Classes are scheduled to start Tuesday March the 20th and run through the 29th of May. This includes a week for spring break. Also, the club received an email asking about the availability of Morse Code training. The club has the ARRL tapes available and will loan them to any member that asks.

Membership: **Jeff Poulin/KV4AP** - Two applications were voted on: **Dan Roberts/WB4KLC** and **David French/N7FAN**. They were accepted unanimously - welcome!

Banner: **David Lane/KG4GIY** - The final selection was made and a size was decided on (3 feet by 5 feet) and a motion to get the banner made was passed.

WinterFest: **Dave Warrington/WW4MM** - Two speakers of note at the **Vienna WinterFest** - **Randy Hollingsworth**, FCC Enforcement Office, and **Mike Martin/K3RFI**. Expecting a good turnout. **VE session** is Saturday morning rather than the day of the hamfest.

Publication: **Brian Cochran/KE4NFK** - The local Comcast channel is 23 that we can post "announcements". **Steve/N4OGR** will look into it.

T-MARC Meeting: **Art/KW4AW** attended the T-MARC meeting - they are the frequency coordinators for our area. The T-MARC president, **Larry D'Anna/WA3KOK** was reelected. Art is serving another term on the board. More information at <http://www.t-marc.org> .

Elections: **Don "Butch" Blasdell/W4HJL** - The following officers were elected to serve a one year term: **President: Jeff Poulin/KV4AP, Vice President: John Palcer/K4KGU, Treasurer: Bill South/N4WJN and Secretary: David Lane/KG4GIY**. Congratulations to

all. Butch also announced that the club has received a certificate from the **ARRL** for our donation to the **2001 frequency retention campaign**.

Scholarships: Jack McDermott/N4YIC - We are awarding **two \$1000 scholarships** this year. Forms will be going out to the 15 schools in the county and are due back by May 1st.

Hamfest: Jack McDermott/N4YIC - In Jack's words - we are on track. Some highlights include:

- The contract for the out years is in place.
- There may be air conditioning in place by the hamfest.
- The tickets have been redesigned.
- We cannot legally post signs in the county.
- **Charlie/WA4YGI** is heading up the prizes again.
- Another group is scheduled to be on the ground on the setup Saturday, but should not pose a problem.

Membership: Jeff Poulin/KV4AP - As his first official act, Jeff turned over membership duties to **Susan Poulin/KG4JBD**.

New Business

Presidential Initiatives: Jeff Poulin/KV4AP Jeff introduced the following initiatives:

- A **special event station** on the **21st of July** to commemorate the **first battle of Bull Run**.
- A display with gear at the **Heritage Railroad Days** in Manassas.
- We need some assistance with the displays and any other support from those who cannot help set up for Ham Fest (Which is the 3rd).
- Additional events the club might like to have a presence at include the **Prince William Fair** in August and **Old Town Days** in October.
- Jeff would also like to see a membership drive.

Meeting adjourned at 2130. Next meeting is Monday March 19, 2001.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy March Birthday to **Henry/N4AZC**,
President **Jeff/KV4AP**, **Russell/WB4HHN**, **Scott/KE4LYN**, and **Rita/KE4TMU**. May each of your birthdays be a great day!

Good news! **Mary**, wife to **Ken/W5AOC**, is home from the **hospital!**

More good news! **Idee**, wife to **Bob/N4RL**, is back in **Annaburg Manor**. Call Bob to schedule a visit -- 703-361-7335.

Also plan to visit **Dick/WD4AZG** at home. He has a busy schedule, so please call first -- 703-791-3839.

Have a great Ham month!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

IN BRIEF

- This weekend on the radio: The North American Sprint (RTTY) and the Wisconsin QSO Party are the weekend of March 9-11. JUST AHEAD: the CLARA and Family HF Contest (SSB and CW) is March 13-14; the Virginia QSO Party is the weekend of March 17-18. See the ARRL Contest Branch page, <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> for more info.
- Eastern New York gets new Section Manager: The ARRL Eastern New York Section has a new Section Manager. Rob Leiden, KR2L, who had served as SM since March 1996, has stepped down because he has moved out of the section. On March 1, ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, appointed Peter A. Cecere, N2YJZ, of Woodstock, New York, to complete Leiden's term of office, which expires March 31, 2002.
- JAMSAT makes donation to Phase 3D Project: The Japan Amateur Satellite Corporation has donated approximately \$38,000 to the Phase 3D Project. AMSAT-DL has expressed its gratitude for the contribution toward ongoing AO-40 activities. In a letter to JAMSAT President Tak Okamoto, JA2PKI, AMSAT-DL President and P3D Project Leader Karl Meinzer, DJ4ZC, wrote that the money would go toward helping AMSAT-DL to speed up the commissioning of AO-40, including the SCOPE cameras contributed by JAMSAT.
- 10-10 Net President Thomas A. Henderson, K4CIH, SK: 10-10 International President Tom Henderson, K4CIH, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, died March 4. He was 64. Henderson reportedly had suffered a massive heart attack February 14 and had been in a coma. He was an ARRL member. Known to other 10-10 International Net members as #33233, Henderson was licensed in 1959 and had been active in 10-10 since 1980. He joined the board as a director in 1993 and became president in 1995. Henderson was a retired nursing supervisor. Services were private. Chuck Imsande, W6YLJ, has been designated to succeed Henderson. Visit the 10-10 Net International Web site at <http://www.ten-ten.org>. --Gerry Gross, WA6POZ
- Richard "Rick" Vahan, N4PBF, SK: Well-known Southern Florida amateur Rick Vahan, N4PBF, of Miami, Florida, died February 28, of leukemia. He was 73. Vahan served as president of the Dade Radio Club, was a past director of the South Florida FM Association and a member of Dade County ARES, as well as an acclaimed volunteer for W4EHW at the National Hurricane Center. He also served as an ARRL Public Information Officer. Vahan's interest in scuba diving led to a position as a curator at the New England Aquarium, where he also did public relations. He later became curator of education at Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. In 1972 Jacques Cousteau invited Vahan to ghostwrite The Ocean World of Jacques Cousteau. Vahan later worked for the Dade County Office of Film and TV Coordination, where he promoted the county as a TV and film location. He retired in 1994. A memorial service will be held March 17, 2 PM at the Unitarian Church, 7701 SW 76 Ave, Miami.
- Javier Ledesma, EA4AV, SK: Well-known DXer Javier Ledesma, EA4AV, of Madrid, Spain, died February 24. He was 64. Ledesma was named one of the first three International DXCC Card Checkers by ARRL at the URE national convention in 1996. He very actively served URE members and the ARRL DXCC Desk in this volunteer role until last December when he had to withdraw because of failing health. He was involved as a delegate to the Madrid section of URE, and he was a member of the URE general assembly. Ledesma held DXCC Number One Honor Roll, 5BDXCC, 5BWAS, and 5BWAZ (all 200 zones). --Paco Campos, EA4BT; by Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH
- Burton to serve term in Texas: FCC sources say that former ham Richard Allen Burton, ex-WB6JAC, who was convicted of unlicensed operation, will spend his three months in jail in a federal detention facility in Ft Worth, Texas. Burton also was sentenced earlier this year to one year's probation and must undergo psychological treatment. The sentence resulted from a plea agreement. Originally set to begin serving his term in late February, Burton was allowed another couple of weeks to report to the federal prison in Ft Worth on his own, instead of being transported there in the company of US marshals. He's scheduled to report to begin serving his term March 19. Burton, who has a long history of alleged unlicensed operation, has been free on \$20,000 bond since his arrest last August.

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