

The OVH ARC Newsletter
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108
Repeaters -- W4OVH -- 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+
OVH Nodes -- Port 1: 145.030 Mhz, Port 2: 223.660 Mhz (SysOp Use Only)
Port 3: 223.540 MHz, Port 4: 440.925Mhz 9600 Baud backbone
BBS--BBSNVA/N4WJN (SYSOP--BILL)
<http://www.qsl.net/olevahams>

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

MARCH 2003

Next meeting: March 17, 2003

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

(Editor)

Greetings to all OVHers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the vote of confidence you have placed in me by electing me to be your president for the coming year. I would also like to express my appreciation to **Phil Colling/AC4PL** and **Bill South/N4WJN** for agreeing to serve with me for another year and to welcome **John Heartney/KG4NXT** to the front table as **OVH's new vice president**. I think that I speak for all of us in that we appreciate your support and will do all in our power to make the coming year a productive and fun one for OVH members. Also at this point I would like to express my gratitude to our former president **Bill Hinley/K9ZD** for the fine work he did in leading our group last year and for giving me some good on the job training.

This year marks the **40th anniversary** of the founding of the **Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club**, which was established on **May 20, 1963**. We have a long and proud history of promoting the art and science of Amateur Radio and public service in our community through the providing of instructional classes to those interested in obtaining Amateur Radio licenses, providing of an emergency communications system through our series of VHF and UHF repeaters and our packet node, **volunteering** of our **services** in local **public service events** such as the Prince William County **bike tours** and the **Manassas Christmas Parade** and continuing of our training for emergency preparedness through the annual **Field Day** exercises. In the 21st century, where internet and cell phone communications have become the norm, the events of September 11th show that **amateur radio** is **still relevant** as the communication medium of choice when other communication methods are disrupted.

The next meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams is on Monday **March 17th** at 8 PM in the **NOVEC Technical Center** in **Gainesville, VA**. If you know of anyone who would be interested in giving a presentation to the club at one of its upcoming meetings or have anything you would like to be discussed at a future meeting please email me at ku4wh@arrl.net or give me a call at **703-331-1234**. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

73 for now,

Ruth/KU4WH

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OFFICERS

President:	Ruth Frock	KU4WH	331-1234
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Treasurer:	Bill South	N4WJN	590-9562

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Don (Butch) Blasdel	W4HJL	369-2877
Art Whittum	KW4AW	791-4330
Jack McDermott	N4YIC	335-9139

WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	WB4ZOH (Ken)	361-3482
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HAMFEST 2003

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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FIELD DAY 2003

Bill	K9ZD	754-7913
Art	KW4AW	791-4330

CLUB ROSTER

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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EDUCATION

Bill	K9ZD	754-7913
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CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Brian	N8FK	257-9545
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ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David	KG4GIY	361-3042
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F.A.R. REPS.

Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877

FINANCE

Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234

GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Bill	K9ZD	754-7913

HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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HOME PAGE

Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
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JOTA

Paul	N2PJ	330-0796
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LEGAL

Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Charlotte	KG4QXO	361-3482
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NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Ken	WB4ZOH	361-3482
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

PICNIC

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

PUBLICITY

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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REPEATER CONTROLLERS

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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SUNSHINE

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
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Dwight	N4GSD	335-7726
Bill	K9ZD	754-7913

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 EDITOR: Steve Meade KB4OF, PO Box 1418, Manassas, VA 20108-1418, or to kb4of@arri.net

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

SUNSHINE CORNER

Welcome to our new officers and committee persons. I look forward to working with you.

Thanks, and Great Job to our outgoing officers and committee persons! Thanks for the help you've given me. Hope I was some help to you, too.

Welcome to our newest members, **Mark/KG4JAM** and **Wayne/N7QLK**. As for all members, please let me know, through some means, when any significant events occur in your lives -- births (harmonics), deaths, injuries, sickness, upgrades, new calls -- all are events that can be made something of by the SUNSHINE CORNER!!

Happy Birthday to our friends born in **March**: **Henry/N4AZC**, **Garrison/K4MRL**, **Jeff/N1SN**, **Russell/WB4HHN**, and **Noel/NW5N**.

Please keep in your good thoughts and prayers some of our friends who are facing ongoing **health challenges** -- **John/N4YOB**, **Harry/W4PVA**, and **Bob/KF4FJC**.

Have a great March!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

Repeater Happenings

On **Saturday, 08 March**, **Karl/W4RKL**, **Jack/N4YIC** and **Butch/W4HJL** visited the repeater site to adjust the charger voltage to the new battery that had been installed on the 2-meter repeater. The **charger** in the Master II power supply was **found** to be **defective** and will be repaired and replaced. The new battery will also be put back on-line at this time.

New battery chargers are **on order** and additional new batteries will soon be ordered. Future plans are to install the 440 and 220 cavities on the wall with new coax. Cable lengths will be shortened and new connectors installed.
Butch/W4HJL

On **Monday, March 10th**, I heard the **220 machine roaring** away with what **appeared** to be a faint signal breaking squelch, or a **leaky squelch** that needed adjustment. It was grossly evident from about 1715 local to 1815 local on the trip home - I disabled the 220 transmitter at that point (finally got home to a touchtone pad microphone - gotta fix some or buy another one).

Between 2000L and 2030L I heard the **same signal** on the **146.970** MHz output frequency of the repeater. The signal appeared to be **local** to **Canova**, because **Butch/W4HJL** did not copy it at his place. We have had roaming noise generators plague us in the past - usually in the summer. A noisy "buzz-generator" would start at a low frequency and drift all the way up past 440 and then drift back down.

Anyone hears it, try to **note the frequency, time, location, etc.** Anything that might **help track it down**. E-mail kw4aw@arrl.net. New installations are springing up all the time. And if you have ever been stuck behind someone with an old engine with cruddy sparkplugs, you get the idea. It can be a real receiver killer.

73, Arthur/KW4AW

For Sale

<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
MFJ-207	HF SWR Analyzer -Excellent Condx	\$65.00
SPN4139A	DC Adapter 12 Vdc 300 ma	\$5.00
Archer 273-1650	AC Adapter 3/4.5/6/7.5/9V 300 ma	\$8.00
DAIWA	Coaxial Switch A/B UHF fittings	\$15.00
GE RT9541 B	DC Adapter 6.0V@200 ma or 7.5V @100 ma	\$8.00
	Generic Data Switch 1 X 4	\$5.00
	Generic Data Switch 1 X 2 w/ RJ-11 adapters	\$5.00
	T-Bar Data Switch 1 X 2	\$5.00
	Ten-Tec TW-24 Project box - Enclosure (New)	\$2.00

Call or e-mail 703.791.4330 or kw4aw@arrl.net

ARRL Virginia Section Traffic Nets

Here is a list of the known traffic nets within the Virginia Section

1:00 p.m. - Virginia Traffic Net (VTN) 7260 kHz daily
1:45 p.m. - Fourth Region Net Cycle 2 Early (4RN) 7243 kHz daily
2:30 p.m. - Eastern Area Net Cycle 2 (EAN) 7243 kHz M-F
2:30 p.m. - Eastern Area Net Cycle 2 (EAN) 7050 kHz S-Sn (30 wpm)
3:30 p.m. - Fourth Region Net Cycle 2 Late (4RN) 7243 kHz daily
4:00 p.m. - Virginia Fone Net (VFN) 3947 kHz daily
5:30 p.m. - Eastern Area Net Cycle 3 (EAN) 7050/3670 kHz daily (30 wpm)
6:00 p.m. - Virginia Sideband Net (VSBN) 3947 kHz daily
6:30 p.m. - Old Dominion Emergency Net (ODEN) 3947 kHz 1st & 3rd Monday
6:30 p.m. - Old Dominion Emergency Net (ODEN) 7243 kHz (2nd Wednesday April-September)
7:00 p.m. - Virginia Slow Net (VSN) 3680 kHz Tuesday (13 wpm)
7:00 p.m. - Virginia Net Early (VN) 3680 kHz daily except Tuesday (25 wpm)
7:15 p.m. - Shenandoah Valley Emergency Net (SVEN) 146.820 MHz daily
7:30 p.m. - District 10 ARES/club/traffic net) 147.195 MHz (Thursday)
7:30 p.m. - District 13 ARES Net (D-13 ARES) 146.745 MHz (107.2-T) Tuesday
7:30 p.m. - Montgomery/Pulaski Counties ARES/RACES Net 147.180 MHz tone 103.5 Thursday
7:30 p.m. - Northern Virginia Traffic Net (NVTN) 147.300 MHz daily
7:30 p.m. - Portsmouth ARES Net (PARES) 146.850 MHz Friday
7:45 p.m. - Fourth Region Net Cycle 4 Early (4RN) 3567 kHz daily (25 wpm)
8:00 p.m. - New River Valley ARC Net 147.180 MHz tone 103.5 Sunday
8:00 p.m. - Northern Piedmont Emergency Net 146.760 MHz Thursday
8:00 p.m. - Roanoke Valley ARC Net (RVARC) 146.985 MHz Wednesday
8:00 p.m. - Southeastern Virginia Traffic Net (SVTN) 146.850 MHz Sunday Thru Thursday
8:00 p.m. - Twin County (Carroll & Grayson) ARES Net 147.090 MHz 2nd & 4th Tuesday
8:30 p.m. - Eastern Area Net Cycle 4 (EAN) 3670 kHz daily (30 wpm)
8:45 p.m. - Old Dominion Emergency Net (ODEN) 3947 kHz last Wednesday
8:45 p.m. - Old Dominion Emergency Net (ODEN) 1900 kHz (2nd Wednesday October-March)
8:45 p.m. - Old Dominion Emergency Net (ODEN) 145.25 MHz (3rd Wednesday)
9:00 p.m. - District 14 ARES Net 3.910 (2nd & 4th Thursday)
9:00 p.m. - Fredericksburg Area ARES Net 147.015 MHz Thursday
9:00 p.m. - Hampton Roads Public Service Net 146.97 MHz Mon - Sat
9:00 p.m. - Virginia Tech ARA Net (VTARA) 146.715 MHz Tuesday
9:30 p.m. - Fourth Region Net Cycle 4 Late (4RN) 3567 kHz daily (25 wpm)
10:00 p.m. - Virginia Net Late (VN) 3680 kHz daily (25 wpm)
10:15 p.m. - Virginia Late Net (VLN) 3947 kHz daily

All times listed are local (Eastern).

A 200-watt limitation applies to all Virginia CW Nets since they operate inside the Novice/Tech Plus segment on 80 meters.

If you have a net you would like listed, please send the information to w4pw@arrl.net.

Downloaded from VA Section Web Site <http://www.arrlva.org/nets.htm>

IN BRIEF

ARRL Emergency Communications course registration: Registration opens Monday, March 10, 12:01 AM EST (0500 UTC), for the on-line Level II Emergency Communications course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the March 15-16 weekend or until all available seats have been filled--whichever comes first. Class begins Tuesday, March 25. Thanks to a recent grant, 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 Web page <http://www.arrl.org/cce> and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

Emergency Communications Level I course registration information: March registration is closed for the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I on-line course (EC-001) sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). All available seats have been filled. Registration for the next available Level I class opens Monday, April 7, at 12:01 AM EST. Senior amateurs are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Those considering enrolling in the Level I class are urged to take the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium WebMentor sample course to familiarize themselves with the course template and tools used in all

ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) on-line courses. Sign up for e-mail registration reminders for all C-CE courses by sending a request to prereg@arrl.org. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <http://www.arrl.org/cce> and the C-CE Links found there. Address your Emergency Communications course questions to ARRL Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org.

FCC cites RV owners in RFI complaint: The FCC has told an Oregon couple to stop using its Winegard amplified television antenna (Model Sensar/Roadstar) on their recreational vehicle "until the condition causing harmful interference has been corrected." The FCC contacted Jimmy and Jan Bowen of Gresham, Oregon, following a February 3, RFI complaint from an Amateur Radio operator to the FCC Portland office. The interference was reported on 447.375 MHz. An FCC agent investigating the allegation tracked the interfering signal to the Bowen's RV in Portland. The FCC cited Part 15 rules and noted that certain Winegard antenna amplifiers "have been the source of radio frequency interference in a number of cases." Due to the complaints, Winegard <http://www.winegard.com> has agreed to replace defective units at no charge. The FCC advised the couple to contact Winegard to make necessary arrangements.

Vote on QST Cover Plaque award: The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for December 2002 was Dick Stroud, W9SR, for his article "Try Copper for 2 Meters--the CuLoop." The January 2003 winner was Paul Wade, W1GHZ, for his article "A 222-MHz Transverter for the Yaesu FT-817." The February 2003 winner was David A. Rosenthal, N6TST, for his article "Portable in Paradise: Cruise Ship Dxing." Congratulations, Dick, Paul and David! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author--or authors--of the best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL members. Voting takes place each month on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qstvot.html>. Cast a ballot for your favorite articles in the March issue of QST. Voting ends March 31.

Dayton Contest Dinner tickets now on sale: The North Coast Contesters have announced that tickets for the 11th annual Dayton Contest Dinner now are on sale. The dinner will be held Saturday, May 17, 6:30 PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton. Seating is limited, random and not reserved. All dinner ticket orders are handled exclusively by Craig Clark, K1QX, Radioware and Radio Bookstore, PO Box 209, Rindge, NH 03461 <http://www.radio-ware.com>. Order tickets weekdays by calling toll-free 800-457-7373 or via e-mail jcclark@prexar.com. Major credit cards are accepted.

All ***IN BRIEF*** items are from **The ARRL Letter, Vol 22, No 10**

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club – February 24, 2003

President Bill Hinely/K9ZD called the meeting to order at 2000.
Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns. There were 26 OVH members present.

The minutes of the January 2003 OVH meeting were approved.
Treasurer's Report: Bill / N4WJN: The Treasurer's report passed.

Repeaters: Art / KW4AW: The new backup battery has almost arrived, and we will get it charged, installed and running.

Education: Bill / K9ZD: The new class will start on March 19 at Stonewall Jackson H.S. in room 3A. Bill had flyers for distribution.

Scholarship: Jack / N4YIC: We will award two scholarships this year of \$1,000 each.

Hamfest: Jack / N4YIC: Planning is o.k. and everything is on track. All correspondence is ready to go. Information packets will be sent out around April 1. We need volunteers for the gates and tailgating.

Other Business:

D.A.R.E.: Jack / N4YIC: This is an organization that helps educate young people about the perils of drugs. They have asked us to participate as a club in their activities in June to demonstrate amateur radio to the young people who will be there. We need a volunteer to organize this.

Field Day: Art / KW4AW: We'll do this again this year, as we have had fun and successful field days in previous years.

Membership: Charlotte / KG4QXO: Wayne Phillips / N7QLK was voted in unanimously as a new member of the Ole' Virginia Hams. Welcome to the OVH Wayne.

FAR: Ruth / KU4WH: They are starting the organization process for the FAR FEST.

Weekly Net: Ken / KB4ZOH: The weekly nets are going well. All present at the meeting expressed their appreciation for the excellent job that Ken has done.

ARES: David / KG4GIY: The antenna at the hospital has been repaired.

HISTORIAN: Teresa / KG4TVM: Teresa has received several items from club members and is starting a scrapbook for field day.

Old Business:

David / KG4GIY suggests that we consider which VEC we are going to go with in the future.

New Officer Elections: Twenty-Five votes were cast for new officers. The vote was unanimous that the following OVH members serve as club officers from the close of February 2003 OVH meeting until the close of the February 2004 OVH meeting:

President: Ruth Frock / KU4WH
Vice President: John Heartney / KG4NXT
Secretary: Phil Colling / AC4PL
Treasurer: Bill South / N4WJN
The meeting adjourned at 2109.