

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## APRIL 2005

### Next meeting: April 18, 2005

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

(Editor)

#### **Manassas town meeting to address budget, public safety**

Butch/W4HJL, John/KG4NXT, and my self attended the "special meeting of the Manassas City Council" last night. The last topic on the agenda was BPL deployment in Manassas. Mr. Hewa director of utilities (Mr. Todd's replacement) recognized us and approached us to say hello as asked how things are going. We told Mr. Hewa we have had little to no response from the local BPL provider (COMtek) and escalated the issues to the main COMtek office. Mr Hewa told us he will do whatever it takes to minimize the interference to the Ham community. I asked what will happen when they begin providing Pay-Per-View TV, his answer was "this is several years away" (that's not comforting at all).

Near the end of the Council meeting Mr. Hewa presented the current Manassas BPL deployment status. Most of the city has been fully deployed, making BPL availability to it's citizens. To our surprise this deployment only has 400 users at this time. This is both encouraging yet troubling. The encouragement comes from how few people signed on. The troubling issue is the amount of interference generated by so few installs.

I addressed the City Council during the citizens time. Thanked Mr. Hewa for keeping an open door with the Ham community, and presented the ingress issues from both sides. Explained to the council about the BPL interference we have been experiencing and that when BPL is filtered it's one way. I played a recording (thanks for the idea Ed) of a 40M communication in which the transmission was suddenly taken out by BPL. This was an eye opener for the council, as I continued to play the recording they could hear the outrageous level of interference generated by BPL. By the look on there faces, most were surprised how an intelligible, reasonably quiet, high level signal was totally removed by this "hideous" BPL interference. Explained even with filters in place our ingress to BPL continues causing interruption to services BPL provides. Emphasized, "we don't even know we're interfering with BPL."

Continuing, I expressed a real concern for any BPL phone service deployment. I asked the council "who would be liable if an emergency call was interrupted by a radio transmission?" The Mayor addressed Mr. Hewa for an answer to all the issues. Mr. Hewa presented the filtering options currently available in the BPL system and the systems immunity to interference by use of multiple frequencies. As we well know, this is not a solution for near field and will not stop ingress issues to BPL! This was a great opportunity to present our side to the people that have stated time and again "we have no interference problems in Manassas."

We will continue to present our view point at every opportunity and hope they will see the light. My Thanks to Butch and John for their support and attendance.

73, George/K4GVT

# Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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## WEEKLY NETS

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

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| Keith Bennington | KEITH | 909-1512 |
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## FIELD DAY 2005

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| Brian | WC4J | 257-9545 |
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## CLUB ROSTER

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## EDUCATION

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## HOME PAGE

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## JOTA

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| Paul | N2PJ | 330-0796 |
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## LEGAL

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## NEWSLETTER

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| Steve | KB4OF | 368-6901 |
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## NEWSLINE

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| Karl | W4KRL | 802-1527 |
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## PROGRAM'S

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## PUBLICITY

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| Mike  | WV3H   | 753-9346 |
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## SCHOLARSHIP

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| Jim | W4JTP | 392-0150 |
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## SUNSHINE

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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.

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**Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting**  
**March 21, 2005**

**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 **22 OVH members** and two **guests** present.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the February 2005 OVH meeting were approved.

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

**COMMITTEES:**

**HAMFEST** – **KEITH/KM4AA** – Keith handed the Hamfest reins over to **Butch/W4HJL** who gave a briefing on the recent Hamfest Committee meeting. We still need more volunteers for the gates. The **Winchester ARC** will again help with the parking crew. We're working on getting a PA system up and running. We have the new tickets that we needed and they're ready for pickup. The VE session will be conducted by the Mt. Vernon ARC. We're working on getting the police lined up. We're checking on different rental places to try to get a good price on tables and chairs. All of the prizes have been purchased.

**FIELD DAY** – **Brian/WC4J** - Everything is going well in planning the field day and Brian is hoping to get a good turnout. Brian will bring the new bus.

**EDUCATION** – **John/WA1STU** - We have nine students signed up. We have a room at the Manassas campus of Strayer University. We have instructors lined up and we're on track. April 2 is the first class.

**ARES / CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR** – **Brian/WC4J** – The Manassas MS Walk is on April 9. The next NCAC Institute is on April 23. The Community Emergency Response Team classes begin on Tuesday, April 12 and occur every Tuesday and Thursday until May 7. **Steve/N4OGR** noted that the MS Bike Ride is on May 21.

**MEMBERSHIP** – **John/WA1STU** – **Bob Gustavus/KI4IST** and **Joy Lee/KI4GZZ** were voted into the OVH membership via a unanimous vote. Welcome to the Ole' Virginia Hams Bob and Joy.

**REPEATERS** – **Butch/W4HJL** – **Butch/W4HJL** and **Blaine/KB4RKL** took pictures of the repeater antennas and provided printouts of close-up pictures of the antennas at the meeting. We need to replace some of the antennas. We're going to try to get our work done from a company in conjunction with other work that will be done in the Manassas area in order to save money, and we are getting a quotes from various companies that can replace the antennas. We're also looking at sources for antennas. We have a cabinet for the 440 rig. We also need to do some work on the controller.

**SUNSHINE** – **Jan/KE4TMW** – **John/WA1STU** recently upgraded to Extra. **Congratulations John.** **David/KI4AZX** recently upgraded to General. **Congratulations David.** Everything is coming along with **Harry's (W4PVA's)** photo book and it should be ready by this weekend.

**PACKET AND HOMEPAGE** – **Bill/N3OH** – Bill is working on getting the server upgraded. Nothing new on the packet front, but Bill will look for the weather to get warmer for working on the antennas, perhaps in the April or May timeframe. We had a brief discussion about other possibilities for digital communications.

**HARRY D. VORHAUER SCHOLARSHIP** – **Ruth/KU4WH** – The Finance Committee has approved one scholarship for 2005.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Steve/N4OGR** – **Steve** noted that we have been given permission by **Vi Vorhauer** to use **Harry's (W4PVA's)** callsign as an "in memorium" callsign. All is coming along with that effort. Thank you Vi.

**BREAK**

Following the break, all present helped stuff envelopes for the OVH Hamfest mailing. Thanks go to all present for your help.

**BUDGET** – **Bill/N3OH** – Bill presented a detailed budget for 2005. Bill noted that the upcoming projects on the repeaters and repeater antennas will result in us drawing down some of our reserve funds.

**BPL** - **George/K4TVM** – **George** provided an update on the BPL situation.

**50/50** – \$28 was collected, and **Craig/WA3UFY** won and donated his winnings back to the Club. Thank you Craig.

The meeting adjourned at 2135 Eastern time

**73's Phil/AC4PL**

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Congratulations to **John/WA1STU** on becoming an **Extra** and **David/KI4AZX** on becoming a **General**! Good job, guys!

**Happy Birthday** to our fellow Hams -- **Worth/WB4ZIG** (90 this year!), **Brian/WC4J**, **Paul/N4PD**, **Paul/N2PJ**, **David/KI4AZX** (General is a good birthday present!), **Al/K3PXR**, **Paul/W4ZB**, **Mike/WV3H**, **Cathy/AE4UM**, and **Larry/KA4CTX**. Hope each of you has a great day!

**Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW**

## MEETING PROGRAM FOR APRIL

The program for the April OVH meeting will be a Fleet Watch refresher and update. Several months ago Rich Buchholz, Crime Prevention Coordinator- Prince William County, asked if OVH were interested in helping with a new Program, called Commuter Lot Watch. At a meeting, consensus indicated we were interested. Prince William County's Crime Prevention Unit is now implementing Commuter Lot Watch.

The lots we have agreed to cover are:

**Airport VRE (Broad Run)** Located adjacent to, and just north of, Manassas Airport, access via Piper Lane from route 28.

**Portsmouth Commuter Lot** Located on Portsmouth Rd. behind Portsmouth Station Shopping Center near Sudley Rd. (234) and behind NOVEC.

Here is what was on the flyer sent to me:

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### COMMUTER LOT WATCH

Prince William Fleet Watch

What it is!

Commuter Lot Watch is an added feature to the existing Fleet Watch Program in Prince William County. It utilizes existing Fleet Watch members who can drive through particular Commuter Lots (Park & Rides) that are on or near routes that their vehicles normally travel in the course of a typical business day. They will adopt one or more of these lots and drivers will drive through them as they pass by and watch for any suspicious activity that they would then report to the police.

The Program is not meant to detract from the efficiency of conducting a business, but is intended to encourage drivers to adopt a sense of ownership over their assigned lots and drive through them when they pass by and time permits.

Guidelines to Follow

Drivers are not expected, nor are they encouraged, to physically intervene. They should assume the role of a good witness and reporting party who contacts the police via their two-way radios back to their company, or by cell phone.

What is Suspicious Behavior & Activity in a Commuter Lot?

1. Persons hanging around for no apparent reason.
2. A person seeming to act as a lookout while another person is in or near a vehicle.
3. Persons walking with a tool or tools in hand.
4. Persons walking from one car to another, while carrying property, particularly if the car they go to is illegally parked.
5. Persons who enter or leave on foot by other than the established entrances or exits.
6. The sound of glass breaking or people screaming, or car alarms.
7. Broken glass on the ground in the vicinity of a car.
8. Car doors standing open.
9. Window glass missing from a car.
10. Persons walking around who are bleeding or otherwise injured.
11. Anything that seems out of the ordinary for a commuter lot.

How to Report Suspicious Activity

Follow the established Fleet Watch guidelines and training. Try to give a good description within the lot where the activity is taking place.

Identify yourself as a Fleet Watch member.

Emergency call: 911 Non-Emergency call: 703-792-6500

Prince William County Police Department Crime Prevention Unit

COMMUTER LOT WATCH

LOT PATROLLED BY

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

FLEET WATCH

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The program for the April OVH meeting will be about Fleet Watch Programs including Commuter Lot Watch.

**73 de Steve/N4OGR**

## **SKYWARN Endures Daylong Siege in Central Mississippi**



(Apr 7, 2005) -- Wednesday, April 6, in Central Mississippi began with tornadoes, severe hail and flooding, prompting activation of local [SKYWARN](#), Amateur Radio Emergency Service ([ARES](#)) teams and Amateur Radio volunteers. Members of the Jackson Amateur Radio Club ([JARC](#)) staffed the National Weather Service ([NWS](#)) Jackson Forecast Office. Operations continued for more than 16 hours as a line of severe storms marched across Mississippi. The club's station, WX5JAN, handled a substantial number of warning statements, spotter and damage reports well into the evening. Within an hour of activation, an F3 tornado struck the Monterey area in Rankin County, injuring six residents, destroying 17 homes and damaging many more. Smith County radio amateurs reported major damage in Mize after a tornado struck the community's K-12 school as students took shelter. Throughout the morning, reports of hail, funnel clouds and flooding streamed into the station from counties across Central Mississippi. As another wave severe storms moved through these same

areas in the afternoon, operators continued to report funnel clouds, hail and flooding. Several JARC ARES members responded to the Central Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross to assist with damage assessment and other duties. During this second wave of storms, a nearby lightning strike forced the SKYWARN station off the air. [Hurricane Watch Net](#) Assistant Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, served temporarily as alternate net control while the station recovered from the strike. Although the interruption was short lived, warnings and reports continued unabated. By late afternoon, a third round of storms moved through, hitting many of the same areas areas. Again, reports of hail, funnel clouds and flooding continued until operations ceased at 10:30 PM. "I think we did extremely well considering the length of the event and everything else that occurred," said JARC SKYWARN Coordinator, Robert "Billy Bob" Sekul, N5XXX. This week's event marked the eighth SKYWARN activation since March 1. [SKYWARN](#) is a voluntary program developed by the NWS to improve its severe weather warning program.--*Ben Jones, AC5SU*

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## **Final WRTC 2006 Rules Now Available**



(Apr 7, 2005) -- Atilano de Oms, PY5EG, reports the final version of the [rules](#) for World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) 2006 participants now is available on the WRTC 2006 Web site. WRTC 2006 will take place July 7-10, 2006, in the vicinity of [Florianopolis](#), the capital of Santa Catarina State in Southern Brazil. The Liga de Amadores de Radio Emissão ([LABRE](#)) and the Araucaria DX Group ([GADX](#)) are sponsoring the event. As did previous WRTC competitions held in Seattle, San Francisco, Slovenia, and Finland, WRTC 2006 will bring the world's top operators together in a single geographical area to showcase

Amateur Radio competition at its highest level. The on-the-air portion of the event is held in conjunction with the International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU](#)) [HF World Championship](#), although WRTC rules differ in some respects from those of the IARU event, and scoring is done separately. WRTC stations run 100 W and have comparably modest antenna systems--typically a dipole for the low bands and a triband Yagi for the higher bands. Two-person teams from all over the globe will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. The contesting duo of Jeff Steinman, N5TJ, and Dan Street, K1TO, took home the WRTC gold for the third time in the 2002 event in Finland. Teams have not yet been announced for the 2006 event. Oms says WRTC 2006 will announce team and referee selection criteria within the next month or two.

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## **FT5XO Kerguelen Island DXpedition Logs Nearly 68,000 Contacts**



(Apr 7, 2005) -- The recent FT5XO Kerguelen Island DXpedition racked up 67,954 QSOs during its 11-plus days of operation in late March. Located in the subantarctic region of the Indian Ocean, Kerguelen (IOTA AF-048)--also known as "Desolation Island"--is ranked as the 13th most-wanted DXCC entity worldwide and the 10th most-wanted in the US. The multinational Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team--AG9A, G10NWX, HB9ASZ, M0DXR, N6MZ, N0TT, SP5XVY, VE3EJ, VK6DXI, W3WL, W7EW and 9V1YC--reports that 68 percent of the contacts were made on CW--many of them on 40 and 30 meters--while 29 percent were on SSB and 3 percent on RTTY. European DXers were the primary beneficiaries, accounting for slightly more than one-half of the FT5XO contacts made. Japan followed with 21 percent, and the US at 17 percent. The operation took place from an abandoned whaling station, Port Jeanne d'Arc, close to the shore and with good takeoffs in most directions. Weather during the team's stay ran the gamut from strong wind, rain and sleet to heavy snow. Static from snowstorms produced fierce QRN and forced the operation to shut down until it abated. The DXpedition was organized and sponsored by the Northern California DX Foundation. QSL FT5XO via VE3XN.--*George Fremin III, K5TR*

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## **Digital Communications Conference Issues Call for Papers**



(Apr 7, 2005) -- The 24th annual ARRL and TAPR [Digital Communications Conference](#) is soliciting technical papers for presentation at the conference and for publication in the conference *Proceedings*. The event will be held September 23-25 in Santa Ana, California. Presentation at the conference is *not* required for publication. Submit papers by August 9 to Maty Weinberg, KB1EIB, ARRL 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111 or via e-mail to [maty@arrl.org](mailto:maty@arrl.org). Additional conference information is on the [DCC Web site](#).

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### Amateur Radio's Role in TOPOFF 3 Draws Praise



(Apr 6, 2005) -- As the active, on-the-ground portion of the massive TOPOFF 3 homeland security exercise winds down, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers in Connecticut are continuing their support of the American Red Cross. Sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security and intended as a realistic test of the nation's homeland security system, TOPOFF 3's goal is to push the system of first responders beyond their limits to find the weak spots. ARRL Connecticut Section Emergency Coordinator Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR, said today that not only does he believe Amateur Radio has acquitted it self very well during the first three days of the drill, the American Red Cross apparently does as well.

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### Texas Youngsters Log 170th ARISS School Group QSO



(Apr 6, 2005) -- A group of elementary schoolers in Denton, Texas, used ham radio to quiz International Space Station Expedition 10 Commander Leroy Chiao, KE5BRW, about life in space March 29. The direct VHF contact between W5NGU at the Science Discovery Center at Pecan Creek Elementary School and NA1SS was arranged by the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. It marked the 170th ARISS school group contact since the first crew came aboard the ISS in 2000. Chiao told the pupils he believes the development of human space travel will parallel the earlier development of air travel.

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### Michael Heiler, KA0ZLG, wins March QST Cover Plaque Award



(Apr 5, 2005) -- The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for March is Michael Heiler, KA0ZLG, for his article "A Backpacker's Delight--The Folding J-Pole." Congratulations, Michael! 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 on the [QST Cover Plaque Poll](#) Web page. Cast a ballot for your favorite article in the April issue by April 30.

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### BPL is No Balancing Act, ARRL Says in FCC Filings



(Apr 5, 2005) -- In filings before the FCC, the ARRL has again challenged some basic assumptions made by BPL proponents and included in the FCC's *Report and Order (R&O)* adopting new rules governing the deployment of broadband over power line (BPL) systems. The League took particular issue with any notion that a balancing test exists between BPL's purported public benefits and its potential to interfere with licensed services.

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### "Wireless Literacy" is ARRL Education & Technology Program Goal



(Apr 5, 2005) -- With some 130 schools now on board, the ARRL Education & Technology Program (ETP)--also known as "the Big Project"--has set its sights on transforming the teaching of wireless technology in the US. ETP Coordinator Mark Spencer, WA8SME, acknowledges that incorporating what he calls "wireless literacy" into the broader educational landscape is not something that will happen overnight. Even so, he believes the ETP can have a role not only in developing a favorable climate for wireless literacy and establishing it as an educational mainstay but in ultimately setting academic standards. Spencer says reaching teachers first is key.

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### This is a Drill! ARES Supporting Red Cross Participation in TOPOFF3



(Apr 4, 2005) -- *There's been an explosion in New London! The drill is on! The drill is on!* Those words via a VHF tactical net shortly before 1:30 PM local time April 4 alerted Connecticut Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers that TOPOFF 3 was under way there. Connecticut ARRL Section officials and ARES members have been preparing for the congressionally mandated exercise for about a year. The TOPOFF 3 scenario depicts a complex terrorist campaign that began earlier in the day in New Jersey--the other state serving at a TOPOFF3 site--with an apparent biological attack and eventually expands to an international scale. Some 150 ARES members from Connecticut and other states in the Northeast are on hand to support the American Red Cross, which has the main responsibility for mass care under the National Disaster Plan. ARRL Connecticut

Section Emergency Coordinator Chuck Rexroad, AB1CR, says part of the drill is to expect the unexpected.

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## Upcoming Special Events

### April

**Indian Orchard, MA:** Titanic Historical Society, W1MGY. 1330Z Apr 9-0527Z Apr 15. Commemorating the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Titanic voyage. 14.260 14.033 7.033 3.860. QSL. Titanic Historical Society QSL, PO Box 51053, 208 Main St, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053. [www.hcra.org/titanic.htm](http://www.hcra.org/titanic.htm).

**Trento, Italy:** Carabinieri On The Air (C.O.T.A.), I13CC. 0700Z Apr 15-1900Z Apr 17. XVI National Meeting ANC Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri. 28.500 21.280 14.280 7.070. QSL. Orlando Balisciano, IZ8DDG, Via Villa Bisignano, V Traversa no. 21, Napoli, Italy 80147. [www.cota.cc](http://www.cota.cc).

**Bossier City, LA:** Shreveport Amateur Radio Association and 8th Air Force Museum, W5E. 2100Z Apr 15-2300Z Apr 17. 60th anniversary of the last combat mission flown by the 8th Air Force over Germany during WWII. 80-10 m SSB and CW; vintage 80 40 m AM/CW. Certificate. W5E, PO Box 37632, Shreveport, LA 71133. [www.k5sar.com](http://www.k5sar.com).

**Bethlehem, PA:** Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, W3OK. 1700Z-1900Z Apr 16. National Library Week. 14.250 7.250 7.105 146.560. QSL. W3OK DLARC, RR 4 Greystone Bldg, Nazareth, PA 18064-9211. [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org).

**Blacksburg, VA:** Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association, K4KDJ. 1200Z-0000Z Apr 16. Tenth anniversary of the Virginia Tech Alumni Net. 21.350 14.260 7.260 3.980. Certificate. Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association, 347 Squires Student Center, Blacksburg, VA 24060. [www.vtara.org.vt.edu](http://www.vtara.org.vt.edu)

**St Louis, MO:** Jefferson Barracks Amateur Radio Club, K0ZFK. 1600Z-2000Z Apr 16. West Point of the West, Jefferson Barracks. 28.238 14.238 7.238. Certificate. Jefferson Barracks ARC, PO Box 6553, St Louis, MO 63125-6553. [www.jbarc.org](http://www.jbarc.org).

**Topeka, KS:** Local Amateur Radio Operators, N0G. 1400Z-2200Z Apr 16. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kansas National Guard. 28.400 21.400 14.300. Certificate. Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL, 2503 SW Carlson Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

**Bonham, TX:** Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, K5FRC. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 16. Fannin County Emergency Response Fair. 14.270 7.275. QSL. Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 684, Bonham, TX 75418.

Liberal, KS: Southern Plains Amateur Radio Klub, N0L. Note: This event has been cancelled.

**Piscataway, NJ:** Piscataway Amateur Radio Club, K2VOA. 1600Z Apr 16-2400Z Apr 17. Former Voice of America relay station WBOU. 21.370 28.370 14.270 7.270. Certificate. Bill Toth, 6 Rivercrest Dr, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

**Broken Arrow, OK:** Wayne Rumley Amateur Radio, W5R. 0000Z Apr 22-0000Z Apr 24. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rock and Roll. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.850. QSL. Wayne Rumley II, WA5YNE, 12315 E 61 St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

**Asheboro, NC:** Randolph Amateur Radio Club, NC4ZO. 1400Z-2000Z Apr 23. Celebrating spring at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. 28.400 21.350 14.260 7.275. Certificate. Butch Simpson, 6747 King Mountain Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205.

**Norman, OK:** South Canadian Amateur Radio Society, W5NOR. 1500Z-2100Z Apr 23. Commemorating the Oklahoma Land Run of 1889. 14.315. QSL. SCARS, PO Box 720993, Norman, OK 73070.

**Farmville, NC:** Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, W4AMC. 1200-2100Z Apr 23-1200-2100Z Apr 24. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Farmville, NC, Dogwood Festival. 14.045 7.275 7.125 3.875. QSL. Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835-7207.

**Gainesville, FL:** Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, K4GNV. 1200Z Apr 23-1600Z Apr 24. 50 year anniversary of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society. 28.325 21.325 14.325 7.235. QSL. David Price, PO Box 143215, Gainesville, FL 32614.

**Jacksonville, TX:** Cherokee County Amateur Radio Club, K5JVL. 1500Z Apr 23-0500Z Apr 24. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drakes On the Lake. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. K5JVL, 840 Henderson St, Jacksonville, TX 75766. [www.k5jvl.org](http://www.k5jvl.org).

**Johnson County, NE:** Lincoln ARC, K0KKV. 1700Z Apr 23-1700Z Apr 25. Activation of rare Nebraska County during the NEQP. CW up 35 kHz from band edge; General portion of SSB bands. QSL. Greg Brown, 10800 W Mill Rd, Malcolm, NE 68402. <http://larc.unl.edu>.

**Wells County, IN:** Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. 1700Z-2200Z Apr 24. McNatt United Methodist Church Ham Radio Fellowship Event. 14.245 7.228 146.79. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, K9NQW, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. [www.grantarc.com](http://www.grantarc.com).

**Beecher, IL:** Hams of Beecher, W9B. 1600Z-2300Z Apr 30. Beecher Depot Railroad Convention. 28.340 14.270 14.040 7.270 144.49. Certificate. Gene Backlin, 26811 Greenbriar Dr, Monee, IL 60449.

**Paris, TN:** Henry County Radio Society, KE4HC. 1500Z-2359Z Apr 30. Celebrating the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Barry Sandefer, 4715 Guthrie Rd, Paris, TN 38242.

**Toad Suck, AR:** Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club, W5AUU. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 30. Toad Suck Daze Festival. 21.350 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Faulkner County ARC, PO Box 324, Conway, AR 72032. [www.w5auu.org](http://www.w5auu.org).

**Manitowoc, WI:** USS Cobia Radio Club/ManCoRad Radio Club, N9BQV. 1400Z Apr 30-2100Z May 1. WWII USS Cobia AGSS-245 sub radio reactivation. 14.243 14.043 7.243 7.043. QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, 4932 S 10<sup>th</sup> St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. [www.qsl.net/w9dk](http://www.qsl.net/w9dk).

**Various, International:** Sub Vets Amateur Radio Association. 0000Z Apr 30-2400Z May 1. 9th annual Submarines On-the-Air. 2 6 10 15 20 40 80 m SSB and CW. Certificate. Jim Flanders, W00OG, 1539 California Tr, Plano, TX 75023-4300. Certificate for contacting 4 submarines. w0oog.50megs.com/ . (QSLs from individual ships working event.) Bonham, TX: Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, K5FRC. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 16. Fannin County Emergency Response Fair. 14.270 7.275. QSL. Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 684, Bonham, TX 75418.

## May

**Mt Clemens, MI:** Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Association, W8A. 1100Z-1700Z **May 1.** March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2005. 14.265 7.165. Certificate. USECA, PO Box 46331, Mt Clemens, MI 46046.

**West Mifflin, PA:** Belle Vernon High School ARC, KB3BKW. 1500Z-2000Z **May 6.** Amusement Park Physics & Communications Day. 14.250. Certificate. Belle Vernon High School ARC, c/o T. Thompson, 425 Crest Ave, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

**Brownsville, TX:** Charro Amateur Radio Club, W5CRC. 1400Z-2000Z **May 7.** Last battle of the Civil War. 28.350. Certificate. Cric McClure, 49 Casa Grande, Brownsville, TX 78521.

**Caldwell, NJ:** West Essex Amateur Radio Club, W2EF. 1400Z-1900Z **May 7.** Operating from the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. 28.350 21.330 14.250 7.250. Certificate. West Essex ARC, PO Box 54, Essex Fells, NJ 07021. [www.wearc.org](http://www.wearc.org).

**Richmond, KY:** Central Kentucky Amateur Radio Society, K4Y. 1400Z-2000Z **May 7.** Daniel Boone's discovery of Kentucky. 7.230. QSL. CKARS, 156 Norton Dr, Richmond, KY 40475.

**Fullerton, CA:** Morse Telegraph Club, South California Chapter, W6MTC. 1500-2300Z daily **May 7-8.** Railroad Days of Fullerton. 14.025 7.025 CW only. Certificate and QSL. Morse Telegraph Club, 17371 Alta Vista Cir, Huntington Beach, CA 92647-6130. [www.w6mtc.org](http://www.w6mtc.org).

**Grafton, WV:** Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association, W8SP. 0000Z **May 7-2400Z May 8.** Commemorating the first official observance of Mother's Day from the International Mother's Day Shrine. Bottom portion of General 80 40 20 15 m SSB and CW; Novice 10 m SSB. Certificate. Charles T. McClain, K8UQY, Rte 4 Box 161, Grafton, WV 26354.

**New Orleans, LA:** Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, W5D. 1400Z **May 7-2400Z May 8.** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V-E Day from the National D-Day Museum. 21.250 14.250 7.250. Certificate and QSL. W5GAD, PO Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033. [www.w5gad.org](http://www.w5gad.org).

**Plymouth, MI:** Plymouth Historical Society Amateur Radio Station, KC8SWR. 1400Z-2000Z daily **May 7-May 8.** VE Day 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. CW PSK 21.380 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Plymouth Historical Museum Amateur Station, 155 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. [www.qsl.net/kc8swr](http://www.qsl.net/kc8swr).

**Orillia, ON, Canada:** The Wireless Set No. 19 Group, CF3VEDAY. 0001Z **May 7-2359Z May 14.** VE-Day+60 and opening of Canadian War Museum. 14.260 14.130 7.270 7.020 3.705. QSL. Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, 424 Homewood Ave, Orillia, ON L3V 3K8, Canada. [www.qsl.net/vc3vdav/](http://www.qsl.net/vc3vdav/).

**Southampton, Hampshire, England:** Royal Signals ARS, GB6VIE. 0700Z **May 8-2359Z Jul 5.** 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in Europe. 21.056 14.070 14.056 7.027. Certificate. Mike Humphrey, G0SWY, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett, Southampton, England SO16 3LQ. [www.rsars.org.uk](http://www.rsars.org.uk). Please include \$2 US for postage.

**Cortlandt Manor, NY:** Peekskill Cortlandt Amateur Radio Association, W2D. 1400Z-2100Z **May 14.** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of completion of Croton Dam. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. PCARA, PO Box 146, Crompond, NY 10517. [www.pcara.org](http://www.pcara.org).

**Ringwood, NJ:** Ramapo Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W2L. 1500Z-2100Z **May 14.** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ringwood, NJ, Public Library. 21.360 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Ramapo Mountain ARC, PO Box 364, Oakland, NJ 07436. [www.qsl.net/rmarc/](http://www.qsl.net/rmarc/).

**Washington, DC:** Federal Bureau of Investigation ARA, K3FBI. 1300Z-2200Z **May 14.** Honoring National Police Week. 21.280 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Jay Chamberlain, 27 Fox Run La, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

**Anaheim, CA:** Anaheim Police Amateur Radio Club, W6APD. 0000Z **May 14-2400Z May 22.** National Police Week, honoring police and sheriffs. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.250. QSL. Mark McMullin KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. [www.qsl.net/w6apd](http://www.qsl.net/w6apd).

**Mt St Helens/Chehalis, WA:** Chehalis Valley Amateur Radio Society, W7A. 1700Z-2400Z **May 18.** 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the eruption of Mt St Helens. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Steve Pack, WB7VAS, 136 Newaukum Village Dr, Chehalis, WA 98532. [www.cvars.org](http://www.cvars.org).

**Schenectady, NY:** Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, K2AE. 0500Z **May 18-0500Z May 23.** 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SARA. 21.325 14.250 7.250 3.870. QSL. SARA, PO Box 207, Alplaus, NY 12008-0207. [www.k2ae.org](http://www.k2ae.org).

**Hallam, NE:** Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, W0H. 1800Z **May 20-0000Z May 23.** 1 year anniversary of the May 22, 2004, Hallam Tornado. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. Greg Brown, 10800 W Mill Rd, Malcomb, NE 68402. [www.larc.unl.edu/](http://www.larc.unl.edu/).

**Minnesota City, MN:** Winona Amateur Radio Club, W0NE. 1600Z-2200Z **May 21.** Annual Minnesota City Days, Minnesota City, MN. SSB and CW, General portions 10 15 20 40 80 m. QSL. W0NE, PO Box 1264, Winona, MN 55987.

**Waterville, ME:** Waterville Area Wireless Association, W1W. 1500Z-2000Z **May 21.** Two Cent Bridge, Waterville to Winslow, ME--only toll footbridge. 14.260 14.290 21.260 21.290. QSL. Waterville Area Wireless Association, c/o Ron Manson, 5 Matheson Ave, Winslow, ME 04901. [www.qsl.net/wa1wa](http://www.qsl.net/wa1wa).

**Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA:** Radio Operators for Missing Children/ USS *Massachusetts*, KB1HGK/N1EPL. 2300Z **May 21-1000Z May 22.** 5<sup>th</sup> Special Event for Missing Children. 14.275 7.100. Certificate. Sheree Greenwood, K1SQ, PO Box 649, Warren, MA 01083. [www.lyceumpress.com/ham\\_radio.htm](http://www.lyceumpress.com/ham_radio.htm).



**Bailey, CO:** Park County Radio Club, AB0PC. 1500Z **May 22**-0300Z **May 23**. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, founding of club serving Park County, CO. 28.410 21.375 14.280 7.230 3.940. Certificate and QSL. PCRC, PO Box 16, Bailey, CO 80421. [www.ab0pc.org/ses.htm](http://www.ab0pc.org/ses.htm).

**Fort Wayne, IN:** Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. 1800Z-2300Z **May 28**. Thanks to military members and veterans. 14.280 14.071 7.240 7.210 PSK31 APRS HF Echolink. Certificate. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. [www.freewebs.com/kb9ibw](http://www.freewebs.com/kb9ibw).

**Springfield, MO:** Erik Weaver, K0S. 1600Z **May 28**-0000Z **May 31**. Kurt N. Sterba Strange Antenna Challenge. 14.200. Certificate. Erik Weaver, N0EW/K0S, 4857 E Farm Road 136, Springfield, MO 65809. [www.n0ew.org](http://www.n0ew.org).

**Baton Rouge, LA:** USS *Kidd* ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1400Z-2230Z **May 30**. Memorial Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS *Kidd* Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).

**Belleville, MI:** Yankee Air Force/Museum, W8YAF. 1200Z-2000Z **May 30**. Observing Memorial Day at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport. 7.270. QSL. Frank A. Nagy, N8BIB, 24315 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164-9167.

**Nutley, NJ:** Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. 0400Z-2300Z **May 30**. CQ Memorial Day. 28.420 14.260 7.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

**Wheaton, IL:** DuPage Amateur Radio Club, W9DUP. 1600Z-2300Z **May 21**. Commemorating Armed Forces Day. 28.400 14.290 7.250 145.25/144.65. Certificate. Robert B. Beatty, WB9HNS, DuPage ARC, PO Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. [www.w9dup.org](http://www.w9dup.org).

**Horsham, PA:** Warminster Amateur Radio Club, K3DN. 1300Z **May 28**-2000Z **May 29**. Willow Grove Air Show/Sounds of Freedom. 21.380 18.150 14.265 7.275. Certificate. Steve Larson, 354 Glennbrook Way, Chalfont, PA 18914.

**Vincennes, IN:** Old Post Amateur Radio Society, W9R. 1400Z **May 28**-2000Z **May 29**. 29th Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendevous. 7.270 7.255 7.240 7.220. Certificate. OPARS, PO Box 834, Vincennes, IN 47591.

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