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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

**MAY 2002**

**Next meeting: May 20, 2002**

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

(Editor)

## **Message From the President**

Greetings to All OVH Members:

This month's guest speaker is John Schumacher, W4JJS, the commander of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron in Manassas, Virginia. He will bring a slide presentation that will inform area hams that they exist and what they do. There is a possibility that hams and the CAP will work together regarding communications and homeland defense type scenarios.

If you have any ideas for future club functions or programs, please contact me at 703-754-7913 or [K9ZD@arrl.net](mailto:K9ZD@arrl.net).

**73, Bill/K9ZD**

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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.

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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](mailto:kb4of@arri.net)

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## **OHV Meeting Minutes April 15, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by **President Bill Hinely/K9ZD** at 2001

Twenty-two members and three guests were present

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

There were two programs tonight:

**First Program:** - Officer Leak of the Prince William Police Department spoke about Fleetwatch. Officer Leak works out of the crime prevention at the HQ in Woodbridge. The idea behind Fleetwatch is that if we observe criminal and/or suspicious activities, we can call the police. If we report activities, the police have a better chance of solving crime. It's the little things that will help. Officer Leak invited us to visit the communications unit. The non-emergency number for Prince William County Police is 792-6500, and Officer Leak suggested that we memorize this number. We are not allowed to intervene physically in a situation. We can call back the non-emergency number to get a disposition. Now with homeland security, our input will be more important. In emergencies, cell phones go down, perhaps just because of too much traffic if not for technical reasons. Officer Leak Noted that a church is like a base. We might think of working with churches. Other bullet points of note are:

- If a child approaches a Fleetwatch person, don't allow him/her in your car. But stay with the child.
- Highest priority - murder, rape, robbery
- Next priority- missing child
- Offers of merchandise at low prices - indicates stolen merchandise
- Watch for door-to-door salesmen.
- Women under attack should shout, "fire."
- Motor vehicle accidents - if it's just a fender bender, get cars out of the way.
- Acknowledge yourself as a Fleetwatch participant with OVH
- In describing people, go from top down.
- To get a tour of the communications facility, call non-emergencies number (792-6500) and ask to speak to a dispatching supervisor. Captain Miller is in charge of communications. We should be participants with the Northern Virginia Dispatchers Association.

### **Second Program:**

**Tom** and **Marylin Fibbs** put together custom shirts. They made a presentation on different types of shirts and patches. We need to decide where the patches will go (for uniformity). They brought three kinds of polo shirts and one type of denim shirt. There are different fonts for names and call signs. There is no bulk cost advantage unless we get more than 144. We can purchase the shirts individually.

### **Break**

**Ruth/KU4WH** - Had a brief discussion on colors and logo design. We decided on a common logo, and also on two colors. **Phil/AC4PL**, being the OVH **oddball**, insisted on an all-white all-cotton polo shirt, and got his wish. We chose the traditional logo - vote was 3 to 8, but we used the new color scheme for the logo - Hunter green and tan were chosen as the shirt colors. Logo colors were red for the state, blue for outline, and yellow for the Manassas location indicator (star)

### **Business Meeting**

The treasurer's report and meeting minutes were approved with one small change to the previous minutes.

**Jack McDermott/N4YIC** - Everything is on time with the Hamfest. Mailings have been sent out, police are set up, medics arranged, signs in production, and the letter for the Park West Lions club for cooking sent. Letter to Shennandoah Ham Radio Club for parking has been sent. We have volunteers, but need a few more. We are where we should be with regards to the Hamfest.

**Repeaters - Art/KW4AW** - repeaters are all working.

### **ARES - David/KG4GIY**

- For the MS walk we need to be at the site by 7:00a.m. on Saturday morning. Watch for an E-mail.
- We had success with Bull-Run run and horse event. - Fairfax ARES appreciate our help.
- Dogwood 500 - ERV/KT4DS will tell us what we need to know.
- Dave suggested that we get an "ARRL.net" e-mail address. That will make it easier for him to send us e-mails for ARES-related information
- Dave has been re-appointed for two more years as PW ARES county coordinator.

**Membership – Charlotte/KG4QXO** - New member Dwight Agnew (no call sign - just passed tech exam) read in.

**FAR – Ruth/KU4WH** - Far Fest November 8 at Howard County Fairgrounds

**Education – Bill/K9ZD** - Read-in member just passed (Dwight Agnew). There are now six students in the class.

**Scholarship - Jack McDermott/N4YIC** - Jack received the first submission. He needs them by May 1. Decision will be made by the May meeting. Jack suggests that we present the award at the start of the May meeting.

**Field day - ART/KW4AW** - would like to have a meeting in early May before the next club meeting. We have volunteers. We have a possibility for amateur TV. We need operators. Equipment is OK.

## **SUNSHINE CORNER**

Happy April Birthday to: **Worth/WB4ZIG, David/KD4DEE, Brian/KE4NFK, Paul/N4PD, Cyril/K3KDR, John/KG4LAA, Bob/N4RL, Charlie/KB4GCR, Paul/W4ZB, Cathy/AE4UM, and Larry/KA4CTX.**

Happy May Birthday to: **Blaine/KB4RKL, Jim/K9SP, Bill/WA4FIC, Craig/N4WUV, Joseph/N6GDX, Nick/KG4KFY, Bill/K9ZD, Jack/N4YIC, James/W4JTP, Susan/K3SSP, Wesley/N5RTY, and Craig/WA3UFY.**

Congratulations to **John/KG4NXT**, who has upgraded to **Extra** class license. Good job, John!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Hamfest -- volunteer to help out if you can!

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

### **IN BRIEF:**

\* This weekend on the radio: The Anatolian RTTY WW Contest, the His Majesty the King of Spain Contest (CW) and the Baltic Contest are the weekend of May 18-19. 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 Level I ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (EC-001) will remain open through the May 11-12 weekend. Registration for the Level II Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (EC-002) and for the Antenna Modeling Course opens Monday, May 13; registration for Level III (EC-003) opens Monday, May 20. Also, registration for HF Digital Communications (EC-005) opens Monday, May 20. All registrations open at 4 PM Eastern Time. ARRL Emergency Communications courses must be completed in order, starting with Level I. 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 Certification and Continuing Education Program Coordinator Dan Miller, K3UFG, [cce@arrl.org](mailto:cce@arrl.org).

\* On-line ARRL November Sweepstakes SSB results available: On-line results for the 2001 ARRL November Sweepstakes (SSB) now are available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/>. Included with these are an expanded contest writeup by Kelly Taylor, VE4XT; a searchable database on the results of the Affiliated Club Competition for Sweepstakes; and other interesting sidebars and photographs.

\* ARRL joins AARE: The ARRL has joined the American Association of Radio Enthusiasts (AARE), a nonprofit industry trade group formed to promote Amateur Radio and emergency communications outside traditional amateur circles. AARE says it will serve as "the voice of the manufacturers and dealers in radio." Its stated goal is to help ham radio grow and to double the number of hams in five years. ICOM's Ray Novak, KC7JPA, has been chosen to serve as AARE's first president. Members of the Amateur Radio industry created the group April 5 during an informal annual meeting of Amateur Radio manufacturers in Milwaukee in conjunction with AES Superfest 2002. The AARE Web site, now under construction, will provide additional information. The organization has scheduled a meeting for August 17 at the Huntsville Hamfest. Dealers and manufacturers of radio products interested in joining AARE may contact Evelyn Garrison, [evelyn@aaregroup.org](mailto:evelyn@aaregroup.org), for details.

\* Tornado a reality check for ARRL Emergency Communications Course student: ARRL Emergency Communications Course student Charlie Crizer, KF4MNE, of Alexandria, Virginia, says at least one course activity turned into reality April 28. In one activity scenario in the course, the student has been designated as chief liaison officer for a Simulated Emergency Test in which a tornado will wipe out a neighboring community. The student has to find VHF/UHF frequencies to monitor during the initial stages; a repeater for use as a calling channel; a VHF simplex frequency for local operations; and a UHF repeater for calling and coordination. Since he wasn't up to that part of the course then, Crizer says, he decided to worry about that exercise when the time came. "How wrong I was. On Sunday evening, my neighboring community [La Plata, Maryland] was wiped out by a tornado." Crizer said that evening he found himself--along with a lot of others--doing the same things outlined in the course activity's scenario.

"While anyone can buy the course books, read them and gain a better understanding of emergency communications, actually doing the activities is the real 'meat' of this course," he said. "Do them well." To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Certification and Continuing Education Program Coordinator Dan Miller, K3UFG, [cce@arrl.org](mailto:cce@arrl.org).

\* Ham radio could have role in Phenomenon sequel: Amateur Radio is poised to hit the big screen yet again in a movie tentatively titled Phenomenon II. Phenomenon debuted in 1996 and featured John Travolta and his ham operator friend Forest Whitaker. In one scene, Travolta's character appears to be able to copy RTTY transmissions by ear. For the original Phenomenon movie, ARRL provided several props for the ham radio shack. The sequel is still in the very early stages of development. A researcher working on checking facts in the script contacted ARRL to ask if operators actually used the term "CQ" when initiating contacts. She also told ARRL Media Relations Manager Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY that the possibility exists for the creation of a television series based on the Phenomenon movies. Hagy offered further assistance if needed. No further details were immediately available.

\* P5/4L4FN back in North Korea; QSLs are in the mail: Ed Giorgadze, P5/4L4FN, reports that he is back in Pyongyang, North Korea, after a short recreational trip to other parts of Asia. And he returns with good news: He now has an Ameritron AL-80A linear amp, donated by Martti Laine, OH2BH; Bernie McClenny, W3UR; and Al Baker, W5IZ. Giorgadze expressed his gratitude to the trio as well as to Jari Wirzenius, OH2BVE, and his staff at the Nokia office in Beijing, who made a special effort to clear the unit through complicated customs procedures in China. He says he's already fired up the amp and obtained the expected result. "So the unit works well and generates lot more RF power from the skylines of Pyongyang," he said in a posting to QSL manager Bruce Paige, KK5DO. "Now I am ready for more P5 QSOs, are you?" Meanwhile, Paige reports that he mailed some 4500 P5/4L4FN cards on May 4, representing replies to all cards he's received to date. Paige said that from now on, he plans to process all cards on the day he gets them. For his own part, Paige was the first station to get DXCC credit for North Korean for working P5/4L4FN.

\* Panama amateurs recover lost bands: Amateurs in Panama (HP) again have access to 30 meters as well as to most UHF bands they'd lost two years ago. The restrictions resulted from a revised National Plan of Frequency Allocations put into place in March 2000 by the Public Services Regulatory Entity--Panama's FCC. Enrique Preciado, HP1IBF, credited restoration of the bands to the tenacious efforts of the Radio Club of Panama (HP1RCP) and of many individual amateurs in the Central American nation. Preciado said that after lengthy discussions, debates and public hearings, Panama's amateurs convinced authorities to reconsider the value of amateur activity to the community--as well as the importance of having Panama's regulations conform to international conventions and agreements that it had already signed. Only one was not restored to amateur use--33 cm (902-028 MHz). The other bands restored included amateur allocations at 1.2 GHz and higher. "We learned a lesson that we radio amateurs ought to use our space in the spectrum, care for and protect it very jealously, if we want our hobby to survive," Preciado told ARRL. --Jon Siverling, WB3ERA/ARRL

\* Vote on QST Cover Plaque Award: The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for April was James C. Garland, W8ZR, for his article "The EZ-Tuner." Congratulations, Jim! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author of the best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL members. Voting takes place each month on the Cover Plaque Poll Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qstvot.html>. As soon as your copy arrives, cast a ballot for your favorite article in the May 2002 issue of QST. Voting ends May 31.

# Manassas Hamfest

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### PRIZES

- Hourly prizes beginning at 10 AM for those present
- Major Tailgate & Door Prizes awarded at 3:00 PM (You need not be present to win)

### INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- 4<sup>th</sup> Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- "Virginia QSO Party" Awards Ceremony
- Food Vendors must have prior written approval from Hamfest Chairman

**Directions/Details/Hotel Info at our Web Site - <http://www.qsl.net/olevahams>**

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