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Next meeting: June 19, 2006

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

(Editor)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hamfest is over and what a Hamfest!

It seems like everyone came to the hamfest. Our new commercial vendor, **Austin Amateur Radio Supply**, had lots of good stuff. We had two hat/shirt/badge vendors, one of which had the **OVH Pig Logo**. We got two pig badges and two pig shirts there.

I would like to thank **Art/W1CRO**, along with **David/KG4AZX**, and **Mark/KB4KFZ**, for a very well organized hamfest. Art implemented some original **cost saving ideas**. We dropped the price to cut costs and did fine without them. We shaved a night off the truck rental. **I also need to thank all the front and back gate people, the security people, the tailgate folks, the bean counter folks, and the truck people.** The effort was superb. We do not have the financial results yet but I believe that we will be pleased with them.

Thanks also to **Shirley Zorger** for the **bake sale**, which sold out of HAM sandwiches.

Looking ahead, we have **Field Day** coming up. Field Day will be the **focus** of our **June meeting**. **John Zorger/WA1STU**, and **Joe Dobbs/KI4OHR**, have done a good job of **advance planning** and it will be a fun field day.

Looking farther ahead, **Ina** is having a another **Mini Tri** on **August 13** at the **Freedom Center** in **Manassas**. This is a fun event. **We need a chairman**. Please volunteer so we can do this event.

Speaking of seeing everyone at the hamfest, did you see the two people dressed in all black and wearing pentagrams?

73 John/KG4NXT

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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 kb4of@arri.net

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

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting – May 15, 2006

John/KG4NXT called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern Time.

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all present stated their names and call signs. There were **25 OVH members** and **three guests** present.

BUSINESS MEETING

HARRY D. VORHAUER SCHOLARSHIP – **Jim/W4JTP** – There were six applicants for the 2006 **Harry D. Vorhauer Scholarship**. The recipient was **Elizabeth Heartney**. Elizabeth is an outstanding student at **Thomas Jefferson High School**. Elizabeth will attend **Duke University**, where she will major in **Mechanical Engineering**. **Congratulations Elizabeth**.

PROGRAM

Paul James/N2PJ gave a brief presentation on **Family Radio Service (FRS)** radios, and specifically talked about their effective radiated power versus their “advertised” radiated power.

BUSINESS MEETING – CONTINUED

Bill/N3OH read the **Treasurer’s report**.

The minutes of the **April 2006 OVH meeting** were approved.

MEMBERSHIP – **John/WA1STU** – Three potential new OVH members were read in and will be voted on at the June 2006 OVH meeting. These were **Tom Trump/KI4JPY**, **Christopher Akers/KI4OBU**, and **Robert Friend/KC4TCN**.

EDUCATION – **John/WA1STU** – There are now four new licensed hams as a result of the most recent OVH technician class. Two others who were in the class will take their Technician license exams soon. John thanked everyone who helped with the class.

FIELD DAY – **John/WA1STU** – John reminded us that Field Day will take place during the **last full weekend in June**. John noted that we are currently planning on running a 5A station, but that has not been finalized. We had a general discussion regarding Field Day issues and planning.

HAMFEST – **Art/W1CRO** – We need volunteers to help get things set up on Saturday. We will also need volunteers to arrive no later than 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Everything is on schedule at this point in time. We had a general discussion regarding various Hamfest issues.

REPEATERS – **Art/W1CRO** – The repeaters are all working well. Thanks go to all on the Repeater Committee who have worked to keep the repeaters up and running.

BREAK

ARES – **David/KG4GIY** – The MS 150 bike ride will take place this weekend. ARES training will take place on the third Saturday in July. Information is available on the Prince William County ARES website. David noted that hurricane season starts in two weeks, and reminded us to have our equipment in good working order. **Brian/WC4J** noted that there will be a major MS event near the end of September that will take place over three days. About 150 hams will be needed for this event. More information will be forthcoming.

WEEKLY OVH THURSDAY-NIGHT NET – **John/KG4NXT** – **Wayne/AG4ZZ** has become a new net controller. **Joe/KI4OHR** will become a new net controller soon. Thank you Wayne and Joe.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian/WC4J noted that there will be a contest on June 10 and 11 and asked for help with that contest.

Bill/N3OH reminded us that the OVH will host a special event commemorating the **2nd battle of Manassas/Bull Run** in August, and asked us for ideas regarding a special event card.

50/50 RAFFLE - \$30 was collected, and **John/WA1STU** won. John requested that his winning share of \$15 be donated to the Field Day 2006 budget. Thank you John for your donation.

The meeting adjourned at 2108 Eastern time.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Our condolences to **George/K4GVT**, on the loss of his mother **Christina** on Monday, 29 May. She was 80 and born in **Czechoslovakia**. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Welcome to **Joe/KI4OHR**, who was voted into the Club in April! Joe worked hard at the Hamfest, and we thank him a lot!

Happy Birthday to our friends and fellow Hams: **Jan/KE4TMW**, **Steve/N4OGR**, **Wayne/AG4ZZ**, **Christopher/KI4AZN**, **John/KI4MNH**, **Gene/N4HFW**, **Ev** (XYL of **George/K4GVT**), **Bob/KF4FJC**, and **Robert/K4HJF**. Hope each of you has a great day!

Happy Anniversary to our friends **Al/KB4BHB** and his wife **Hannah**. Hope your days together are many more!

My **personal thanks** to those who assisted me with **setup/teardown** of **handicapped parking** and **tailgate parking**: **Alan/WA2GTT**, **Theresa/KG4TVM**, **John/KG4NXT**, **Derek** (harmonic of **Doc/W1IMX**, **Wayne/AG4ZZ**, **Morgan/KI4OWG**, **Al/KB4BHB**, **David/KI4AZX**, and **Steve/N4OGR**. I appreciate all the help, and the work went quickly with so many helpers! **(I apologize if I left anyone out!)**

I was especially impressed with **Morgan/KI4OWG**, who worked many jobs, and very hard -- what a great job from one of our new members!

And congratulations to **Morgan/KI4OWG**, who **passed** his **General exam**! Now to learn the code!!

Next up is Field Day -- hope to see you there!

Thanks and 73 de Jan /KE4TMW

Full US House Okays Telecoms Bill with BPL Study Language Intact



(Jun 9, 2006) -- On a 321 to 101 vote, the US House of Representatives on June 8 passed the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006. The House-passed bill, HR 5252, left intact language that required the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL systems. US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), one of two radio amateurs in Congress, sponsored the BPL study requirement, "Study of Interference Potential of Broadband over Power Line Systems," contained in Title V, Section 502 of the complex bill. HR 5252 now goes to the US Senate, where a separate--and very different--telecoms bill, the Communications, Consumer's Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 (S 2686) is still in committee.

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FCC Cites Florida Utility for Interference to Radio Amateur



(Jun 8, 2006) -- The FCC has issued a [Citation](#) to Lakeland Electric, a municipally owned utility in Lakeland, Florida, for violating Part 15 rules by interfering with a local radio amateur. §15.5(c) of the FCC rules requires that the operator of an "incidental radiator" must cease operating the device after an FCC representative notifies the operator that the device is causing harmful interference.

The "incidental radiator" in this case is overhead power lines. Under an agreement, the ARRL and the FCC cooperate in resolving cases of line noise interference to Amateur Radio licensees.

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Dayton Hamvention 2006 Attendance Nearly Even With Last Year's



(Jun 9, 2006) -- Dayton Hamvention® 2006 General Chairman Jim Nies, WX8F, reports that the estimated attendance for the May 19-21 event was very nearly the same as last year's. "Our best estimates for attendance at 2006 Hamvention put the number at 20,324, a slight drop from 2005, but still within the ballpark for the three latest all-volunteer Hamvention years," Nies told ARRL. In 2005, an ARRL Convention year, 20,411 visitors attended Hamvention. The number of attendees in 2004 was calculated at 19,869. Nies said the Dayton Amateur Radio Association's Hamvention Committee will conduct a critique meeting June 13 to identify areas of Hamvention that need improvement and to discuss possible solutions, although Nies says that process already has begun informally. "Some committee chairmen have begun planning their timelines and their recruiting for next year," he adds.

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Pennsylvania Launch of Balloon Carrying Amateur Radio Payload Set



(Jun 9, 2006) -- A balloon carrying an Amateur Radio payload is set for launch Saturday, June 10, at approximately 1300 UTC (9 AM ET) from Samuel Lewis State Park, located just south of US Rte 30 between Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania. The "near space" launch is a project of Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School ([PALCS](#)). The balloon is expected to rise to an altitude of about 80,000 feet. An APRS beacon signal will transmit on 144.390 MHz, using the call sign NJ2BB-62. Every third transmission it will also transmit "PALCS PROJECT". A 2 meter MCW beacon on 146.565 MHz also will continuously send "PALCS PROJECT" for one minute followed by "de NJ2BB" and a 30-second period of silence before repeating the sequence. Line of sight is expected to be between 350 and 450 miles. Send reception reports to [AA2WN](#).--Murray Green, K3BEQ

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N4S Special Event to Mark Silver Anniversary of First Shuttle Launch



(Apr 6, 2006) -- Members of the Titusville and the North Brevard Amateur Radio clubs in Florida will be on the air as special event station N4S Sunday, April 9, through Saturday, April 15, at the [Florida Space Authority](#) facility at the Kennedy Space Center/Cape Canaveral Air Force Station complex. The N4S special event will celebrate the silver anniversary of NASA's successful space shuttle program, which began with the launch of the shuttle *Columbia* on April 12, 1981. Through contacts with stations around the globe, the special event hopes to increase awareness of the many NASA men and women of space technology and note their accomplishments. A 25th anniversary certificate signed by Florida Lt Gov Toni Jennings on behalf of the Florida Space Authority is available upon request and an SASE to Carl Zelich, AA4MI, 1720 Old River Tr, Chuluota, FL 32766-8603. [Operational details and frequencies](#) are available on the North Brevard ARC Web site.

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The K7RA Solar Update



(Jun 9, 2006) -- Sunspot counts were lower this week, but it's surprising what has been happening on the ham bands. Operators are still having fun, and still working long distances, even on VHF, during this low part of the sunspot cycle. Most of this is due to seasonal sporadic E (E_s) propagation.

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Second Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference Set



(Jun 8, 2006) -- ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will represent the League at the second Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (GAREC) Conference. GAREC 2006 will take place June 19-20 in Tampere, Finland, in parallel with the International Conference on Emergency Communications (ICEC 2006).

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Huge Amateur Radio CubeSat Launch Set for June 28



(Jun 8, 2006) -- In what will be the largest deployment ever of Amateur Radio satellites, 13 Amateur Radio "CubeSats" are set for launch June 28. If all goes according to plan, a Dnepr-1LV rocket will carry the CubeSats into space from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. A fourteenth satellite in the package will not carry an Amateur Radio payload.

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Montenegro Poised To Become Newest DXCC Entity



(Jun 8, 2006) -- The Republic of Montenegro, which declared its independence June 3, has applied for United Nations membership, according to [The Daily DX](#). The move paves the way for the tiny Balkan nation to join the DXCC list. "Once Montenegro is accepted into the UN or obtains a call sign prefix block, DXers will have a new DXCC entity," says ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. The division of Serbia and Montenegro eliminates what remained of Yugoslavia. Serbia's parliament this week declared Serbia a sovereign nation as heir to the former Serbia-Montenegro union. Assuming that Serbia continues

to hold its current seat in the UN, it will stay on the DXCC list as a pre-existing and continuing DXCC entity, Mills explained. A decision on whether to admit Montenegro into the UN must go before the UN Security Council and then the general body of member nations. A UN spokesperson could not say how long the process might take, [The Daily DX](#) said.

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Vermont Governor Signs Amateur Radio Antenna Bill



(Jun 7, 2006) -- Vermont Gov Jim Douglas has signed Amateur Radio antenna legislation that puts the language of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into the Green Mountain State's statutes. Vermont is the 23rd state to adopt an Amateur Radio antenna law.
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Field Day 2006: ISS Ham Radio Station in Repeater Mode



(Jun 7, 2006) -- The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) equipment will be on the air in crossband repeater mode during ARRL Field Day Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, but pass times for North America are iffy. Crew members Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, and Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, may work some stations personally, but they're already booked pretty heavily during FD weekend.
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DXCC Desk Approves Operation for DXCC Credit



(Jun 6, 2006) -- The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: T61AA, Afghanistan, current operation effective May 23, 2006. For more information, visit the [DXCC](#) Web page. "[DXCC Frequently Asked Questions](#)" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the [W1AW DX Bulletins](#) page.
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Spratly Islands Operation Reported Imminent



(Jun 6, 2006) -- [The Daily DX](#) quotes Toshi Kusano, JA1ELY, who provides details of an imminent--and brief--operation from the Spratly Islands. According to the report, Tex Izumo, 9M2TO, will commence operation from Layang Layang Island, Spratly Islands (AS-051) starting at about 1200 UTC, Friday, June 9, through 2200 UTC on Monday, June 12. He is said to have all necessary documentation in order and will be on the air as 9M0/9M2TO on CW only. The one-person operation will cover all bands from 80 through 6 meters at 100 W. QSL via JA0DMV, via the bureau (JARL) or direct to Tex Izumo, 9M2TO, 2C-10-03 Mutiara Apt, Jalan Sungai Emas, 11100 Batu Ferringhi, Penang Is, Malaysia.
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ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Course Registration



(Jun 6, 2006) -- Registration remains open through Sunday, June 25, for these ARRL Certification and Continuing Education ([CCE](#)). Program on-line courses: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 ([EC-001](#)), Radio Frequency Interference ([EC-006](#)), Antenna Design and Construction ([EC-009](#)), Analog Electronics ([EC-012](#)) and Digital Electronics ([EC-013](#)). Classes begin Friday, July 7. To learn more, visit the [CCE](#) Course Listing page or [contact](#) the CCE Department.
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Upcoming Special Events

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June

Jun 3-Jun 17, 0400Z-0359Z, Atkinson, MA. Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. Celebrating Kid's Day and Amateur Radio Awareness. 21.370 14.270. QSL. Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811.

Jun 9-Jun 11, 1800Z-0200Z, Worthington, MN. Worthington Okabena Windsurfers, W0W. Annual Windsurfing Regatta and Unvarnished Music Festival. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. QSL. Randy Shirbroun, N0DC, 1745 N Douglas Ave, Worthington, MN 56187. www.wgtn.net/wow/index.htm.

Jun 9-Jun 11, 1800Z-1800Z, Estes Park, CO. HAMCON Colorado, W1AW/0. ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention. 21.320 14.245 7.255 3.875. QSL. W1AW/0, ARRL HQ Operators Club, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. www.hamconcolorado.org

Jun 10, 0930Z-1800Z, County of Wiltshire, England. Swindon and District Amateur Radio Club, GB6BTS. Introducing children to amateur radio at Broad Town School Fete. 80 40 20 2 m and 70 cm. via bureau or direct to GB6BTS, c/o Gareth Drinkwater, 82 David Murray John Tower, Swindon, England SN1 1LI. www.qrz.com/GB6BTS.

Jun 10, 1300Z-2200Z, Elmont, NY. Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club, K2B. Triple Crown Special Event -- Belmont Stakes. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.865. Certificate. LIMARC, PO Box 392, Levittown, NY 11756. www.limarc.org. *Special certificate for all three Triple Crown events.*

Jun 10-Jun 11, 1700Z-2300Z, Fond du Lac, WI. Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Inc, W9EBV. Fiftieth anniversary of FdL Radio Club. 14.275 7.250. QSL. Dave Witt, WD9W, 1160 S Park Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. www.fdlhams.org.

Jun 10 and Jun 11, 1400Z-2000Z daily, Niagara Falls, ON Canada. Niagara Peninsula ARC, VE3VM. Friendly Foes Above the Falls Air Show. 14.270 7.265 7.065 14.025 7.025. QSL. Dave Digweed, VE3FOI, 2575 Rosedene Rd, St Anns, ON L0R 1Y0, Canada. www.nparc.on.ca.

Jun 10-Jun 25, 0001Z-2359Z, Haddonfield, NJ. South Jersey Radio Association, K2A. 90th Anniversary of the South Jersey Radio Association. 145.290 144.465 28.405 7.168. QSL. South Jersey Radio Association, QSL Mgr W2YRW, Post Office Box 1026, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. www.sjra.org.

Jun 10-Jun 17, 1700Z-2300Z, Fayetteville, AR. Amateur Radio Club of the Arkansas Northwest, W5A. Commemorating 170th anniversary of Arkansas statehood. 25.450 21.240 14.250 7.250 3.975. QSL. Don Banta, K5DB, 3407 Diana St, Springdale, AR 72764. www.arkan.us.

Jun 16-Jun 18, 1600Z-1600Z, Conisbrough, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, UK. CASHOTA, GB8CC. Castles and Stately Homes on the Air, from Conisbrough Castle. 17 20 40 80 m, HF VHF UHF and fast scan TV. Certificate. John Williams, G8LGC, 24 Hilltop Gardens, Denaby Main, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN12 4SB, UK. www.cashota.org.

Jun 17, 1500Z-2100Z, Vandalia, IL. National Trail and Old Capitol Amateur Radio Clubs, K9UXZ. Bicentennial year of the Historic National Road. 10 15 m 14.240 7.240. Certificate. K9UXZ, Box 931, Effingham, IL 62401.

Jun 17, 1500Z-2200Z, Mansfield, OH. Intercity Amateur Radio Club, W8WE. North Central Ohio Safe Boating and Fishing Festival. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Robert Ruth, KD8AZQ, 2656 1/2 Lexington Ave, Lexington, OH 44904.

Jun 17, 1600Z-2100Z, Cumberland, MD. Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W3YMW. Eastern End of Historic National Road Bicentennial. 18.125 14.270 7.270 3.925 SSB 14.070 7.070 PSK31 EchoLink-(KB3FN-R) 146.88. Certificate. Mountain Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 234, Cumberland, MD 21501-0234. www.hamtalk.org/NationalRoad.htm.

Jun 17, 1700Z-2300Z, Eminence, MO. Current River Amateur Radio Club, N0E. Amateur Radio Station in Emergency Operations Center. 28.340 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Jack Triplett, RR 1 Box 116, Birch Tree, MO 65438. www.semo.net/suburb/tripanna/CRARC/.

Jun 17, 1900Z-2400Z, Downey, CA. Downey Amateur Radio Club, W6TOI. 55th Anniversary of DARC and Kid's Day. 21.300 14.250 7.250. QSL. Tom Van Buskirk, 8230 Comollette Ave, Downey, CA 90242. www.downeyarc.org.

Jun 17-Jun 18, 0000Z-2400Z, Portsmouth, OH. Portsmouth Radio Club, N8QA. 68 years as a Amateur Radio Club. 28.400 21.230 14.230 7.230. QSL. PRC, PO Box 266, Portsmouth, OH 45662.

Jun 18, 1530Z-1900Z, Brooklyn, NY. Kings County Repeater Association, KC2RA. NYC Amateurs Honor Samuel F.B. Morse. 28.150 14.305 7.250 7.125 3.900. QSL. Kings County Repeater Association, Samuel Morse Memorial Special Event, PO Box 280288, Brooklyn, NY 11228. www.kc2ra.com.

Jun 23-Jun 26, 1300Z-0500Z, North Bend, NE. Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, N0B. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of North Bend, NE. Gen and Nov/Tech subbands 10 15 20 40 80. Certificate. K0JFN, Pioneer ARC, 2411 County Road 15, Colon, NE 68018. <http://home.alltel.net/jlthoffman/index.htm>.

Jun 24-Jun 25, 1400Z-1800Z, Kendallville, IN. Kendallville Contesters/21 Repeater Group, W9N. Mid-America Windmill Museum Festival. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.985. QSL. Timothy S. Ryman, 618 Circle Dr, Albion, IN 46701.

Jun 24-Jun 25, 1800Z-2100Z, Libertyville, IL. Lake County Illinois RACES/ARES, W5O. Lake County Illinois RACES/ARES 50th anniversary. 14.283 7.283. QSL. Lake County RACES/ARES - W5O, 1303 North Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048. www.races.org.

Jun 24-Jun 25, 1400Z-1400Z, St Petersburg, FL. Alpha Alpha Repeater Group, W4Z. Field Day (IOTA NA034 FL1325 Mullet Key -- Fort Desoto Park). 28.475 21.350 14.275 7.225. QSL. Jim Leder, 9374 Meadow Ridge Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45241. <http://n4maa.us/>.

Jun 24-Jun 25, 1800Z-1800Z, Virginia City, NV. Texas DX Society, K7A. 20th anniversary of the Great Armadillo Run of 1986. SSB and CW 80 meters through 432. W7RN -- Nevada Association of Contest Highland Operators, Attn: Tom Taormina, 370 Panamint Rd, VC Highlands, NV 89521. www.consultpr.com/armadillo.htm.

Jun 29-Jul 2, 0400Z-0000Z, Village of Newcastle, Ontario, Canada. Newcastle Desquicentennial Anniversary Group, XM3XZ. 150th anniversary of the Founding of Newcastle Village. All bands. QSL. Edward P. Swynar, VE3CUI, 3773 Concession Rd 3, RR 8, Newcastle, ON L1B 1L9, Canada. www.newcastle150.com/. [Industry Canada has authorized that, while operating in the Village of Newcastle, VE3s can use XM3 and all VA3s can use XL3 during this time period for this event. Contacts other than XM3XA, QSL via bureau.]

July

Jul 1, 0000Z-2400Z, Hannibal, MO. Hannibal ARC, W0MTL. National Tom Sawyer Days. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Robert Mitchell, 6825 Gardner Expy, Quincy, IL 62305. www.w0kem.com.

Jul 1, 1300Z-1900Z, Bristol, TN. Bristol Amateur Radio Club, W4B. Commemorating 150th anniversary of the founding of Bristol, TN/VA. 14.285 14.240 7.265 7.230. Certificate. Ben Morris, K4EDI, 16721 Chase Ln, Abingdon, VA 24210. www.qsl.net/barc.

Jul 1, 1200Z-1900Z, Ashland, KY. River Cities Amateur Radio Association, KZ4G. A fun community gathering in Central Park. 28.350 14.300 7.250 3.940. Certificate. RCARA, PO Box 612, Ashland, KY 41105. www.summermotion.com.

Jul 1, 1400Z-2200Z, Smithville, TN. DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club, K4F. 35th Annual Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree and Crafts Festival. 28.425 21.335 14.280 7.275. QSL. Wm Freddy Curtis, KC4GUG, 288 Dogwood Cir, Smithville, TN 37166-2712.

Jul 1, 1800Z-2100Z, Los Alamos, NM. Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, W5PDO. Earthwatch Institute gifted high school student program from Fenton Hill Observatory. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. Don Casperson, AA5PA, 1423 43rd St, Los Alamos, NM 87544. <http://laastro.lanl.gov/earthwatch>.

Jul 1-Jul 2, 1400Z-2100Z, Winona, MN. Winona Amateur Radio Club, Inc., W0NE. Great River Shakespeare Festival. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. Leslie Hittner, KØBAD, 1340 Conrad Dr, Winona, MN 55987. www.w0ne.org.

Jul 1-Jul 8, 0001Z-2359Z, Williamsport, PA. West Branch Amateur Radio Association, W3AVK. Williamsport Bi-Centennial--2006 Celebration. 14.265 14.040 7.280 3.850. QSL. A. O. Thomas, KC3Q, 1608 Elmira St, Williamsport, PA 17701-2118.

Jul 2-Jul 5, 2000Z-0000Z, Ft Missoula, MT. Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX. 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Missoula Valley. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate and QSL. HARC, POB 3811, Missoula, MT 59806. www.users.qwest.net/~k7vk/.

Jul 4, 1400Z-2100Z, Robbinsville, NC. Smoky Mountains Amateur Radio Team, N4GSM. Graham County Heritage Festival. 14.242 7.242. Certificate. SMART, PO Box 517, Robbinsville, NC 28771. www.main.nc.us/graham/smart.

Jul 4, 1500Z-2200Z, Independence, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. In honor of the five brothers and all of our veterans. 28.340 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703.

Jul 4, 1600Z-2300Z, Beecher, IL. Hams of Beecher, W9B. 6th Annual Welcome Home Beecher Train Depot. 28.340 14.270 14.040 7.270 146.49. Certificate. Gene Backlin, 26811 Greenbriar Dr, Monee, IL 60449.

Jul 4-Jul 5, 1400Z-0200Z, Thompson, OH. Lake County Amateur Radio Association, N8GB. Happy Birthday America! 28.450 14.265 7.246. Certificate. George R. Bair, 386 Cedarbrook Dr, Painesville, OH 44077. www.lcara.org.

Jul 8, 0900Z-2100Z, Vernon, CT. Area Amateurs, K1J. Jesus Festival. 145.450 145.330 146.52 145.73. QSL. John Winkley, 105 Oxford Dr, East Hartford, CT 06118.

Jul 8, 1300Z-2000Z, Pittsburgh, PA. Butler County Amateur Radio Public Service Group, K3PSG. Wings Over Pittsburgh -- 911 Airlift Wing Air Show featuring the Blue Angels. 28.440 21.340 14.240 7.240. Certificate. BCARPSG, PO Box 141, Prospect, PA 16052.

Jul 8, 1600Z-0400Z, West Covina, CA. Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society, WB6LRU. SCATS celebrates 30 years of radio. 20 40 m. QSL. Craig Johnson, N0CCJ, 19745 Colima Rd, Ste 1-577, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. www.scats.org.

Jul 8-Jul 9, 1200Z-2100Z, Marietta, OH. Marietta Amateur Radio Club (W8HH) and Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub (N8NBL), W8HH. 6th annual Riverfront Roar Powerboat Races & Festival. 146.97 146.88 14.325 7.285. Certificate. Mark Leatham, KR5N, 1710 Mount Tom Rd, Marietta, OH 45750.

Jul 8-Jul 9, 1600Z-0300Z, Watertown, TN. Upper Cumberland Amateur Radio Association, W4J. Watertown Jazz Festival -- TN's Premier Jazz Event. 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Dennis M. Barrett, 1035 East 6th St, Cookeville, TN 38501. www.ucara.org.

Jul 12-Jul 16, 1800Z-2200Z, Austin, TX. Naturist Amateur Radio Club, NU5DE. Nude Awareness Celebration/Nude Recreation Week. 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Naturist Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 200812, Austin, TX 78720-0812. www.nu5de.org.

Jul 15, 1300Z-1900Z, Wapakoneta, OH. Reservoir Amateur Radio Association, K8QYL. Anniversary of Moon Landing. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Tom Kaup, KA1UP, 421 Lewis Ave, St Henry, OH 45883. www.rara.95mb.com.

Jul 15, 1400Z-2000Z, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, K4RC. Promoting Colonial Williamsburg/Historical Triangle. 21.350 18.150 14.250 7.261. Certificate. Russell Chandler, 132 Druid Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. www.qsl.net/waarc. *Special certificate for working all three K4RC special event stations -- Jamestown Island (May) and Yorktown Battlefield (Oct).*

Jul 15, 1500Z-1900Z, Falmouth, MA. Falmouth Amateur Radio Association, K1AIR. FARA 75th Anniversary. 7.050 7.245 14.050 14.245. Certificate. FARA, PO Box 815, West Falmouth, MA 02574. www.falara.org.

Jul 15, 1600Z-1800Z, Colorado Springs, CO. Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association (PPRAA), AF0S. 200th anniversary of Zebulon Pike's Expedition. 14.265. QSL. PPRAA, PO Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. www.ppraa.org.

Jul 15, 1600Z-2200Z, DeSmet, SD. Lake Area Radio Klub and Huron Amateur Radio Club, W0WTN. Annual Little House on the Prairie Pageant. 14.265 7.265. Certificate. LARK, PO Box 642, Watertown, SD 57201. www.w0wtm.org; www.huronarc.info.

Jul 16-Jul 17, 1600Z-1600Z, Muskegon, MI. Michigan DX Association And A.R.G.Y.L., N8S. USS *Silversides* Submarine Special Event N8S. 146.445 14.243 7.243 3.543. QSL. Michigan DX Association, 1235 Morgan NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. <http://mdxa1.org/silversidesspecial.html>.

Jul 18-Jul 23, 1300Z-1900Z, Bellefontaine, OH. Champaign/Logan Amateur Radio Club, K4H. Kids-4-HAM, making the world of HAM fun for the kids! 21.310 14.265 7.240 7.045. QSL. Gary Kauffman, PO Box 952, Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Jul 22, 1500Z-1900Z, Waco, TX. Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society, WA5BU. Activating Baylor University's Ham Radio Club Station. 21.300 14.250 7.250. QSL. Baylor ARC, Box 85584, 500 Speight, Waco, TX 76798-5584. kt5a@hotmail.com.

Jul 22-Jul 23, 1200Z-0000Z, West Union, WV. West Union, Birthday Festival Organization, WU8WV. 125th Birthday Festival Town of West Union, WV. 50.180 14.280 7.280 3.880. Certificate. Monte Tremont, HC 67 Box 1, West Union, WV 26456. www.westunionfest.org/index.htm.

Jul 22-Jul 24, 1500Z-0100Z, Springfield, OH. Independent Radio Association, W4H. 104th anniversary of the founding of the 4H movement. 14.344 7.244 3.944. QSL. Doug Bell, N8HSU, Independent Radio Association, PO Box 523, Springfield, OH 45501. www.kb8zxc.com.

Jul 27-Jul 30, 1300Z-2100Z daily, Oshkosh, WI. Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, W9ZL. Experimental Aircraft Association Museum, from Vette Hangar at Pioneer Airport. 14.270 7.250. Certificate. FCARC, Attn: N9YMC, PO Box 5233, Appleton, WI 54912. www.fcarc.us.

Jul 28-Jul 29, 1200Z-2000Z, Berne, IN. Adams County Amateur Radio Club, W9A. Annual Swiss Days celebration. 14.280 7.260. QSL. Adams County Ham Club, 417 Dearborn St, Berne, IN 46711. <http://home.earthlink.net/~waynesteury/swissdays.htm>.

Jul 29-Jul 30, 1300Z-1900Z, Rutledge, TN. Lakeway Amateur Radio Club, W2IQ. From the Grainger County Tomato Festival. 14.250 7.260. QSL. Lakeway ARC, Box 160, 340 E Economy Rd, Morristown, TN 37814. www.lakewayarc.org.

Jul 29-Jul 30, 1400Z-1900Z, Carmel, NY. QSY Society, K4H. Putnam County 4H Fair. 28.350 21.300. QSL. Shirley Dahlgren, N2SKP, PO Box 677, Verplanck, NY 10596. www.qsl.net/qsy

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17-Jun-2006

Sponsor: ALBEMARLE ARC
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HARRY J DANNALS
(434)974-7388
VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: UNIV OF VA
530 MCCORMICK RD
ASTRONOMY BLDG-ROOM 201
COR MCCORMICK&ALDERMAN
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22904

17-Jun-2006

Sponsor: LAUREL ARC (LARC)
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JOHN B CREEL
(301)572-5124
Email: WB3GXW@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel/VEC
Location: WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAUREL BUILDING
384 MAIN ST
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
LAUREL, MD 20707

27-Jun-2006

Sponsor: MARYLAND MOBILEERS
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HAROLD L NICHOLS
(410)757-0493
Email: WB4OGP@CABLESPEED.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: HISTORIC ELECTRONICS MUSEUM
WEST NURSERY ROAD
NEAR MARRIOTT HOTEL
LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

29-Jun-2006

Sponsor: K3FBI
Time: 12 NOON (No walk-ins)
Contact: CARLOS FERNANDEZ
(703)632-6747
Email: CFERNANDEZ@FBIACADEMY.EDU

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: FISH BOWL CONFERENCE ROOM
FBI,ERF BUILDING #27958 A
CELL PHONE: 571-641-6410
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
QUANTICO, VA 22134

29-Jun-2006

Sponsor: MARC VE TEAM
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: WILLIAM M TUCKER
(301)729-2544
Email: K3UEZ@AOL.COM

VEC: Laurel/VEC

Location: ALLEGANY COUNTY EMER MGT BLDG
CONSTITUTION PARK
ARRANGE HANDICAP EXAMS
TALK-IN 146.88 PL 123.0
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

30-Jun-2006

Sponsor: HORSESHOE ARC
Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JOSEPH A MYSHKO
(610)399-3485
Email: N3YGW@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION
CAMP WARE
PEACH BOTTOM, PA 17563

02-Jul-2006

Sponsor: BALTIMORE ARC
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: LORENZ W SCHAEFER
(410)247-0578
Email: N3WKE@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel/VEC
Location: BARC MTG & TRAINING FACILITY
12360 OWINGS MILLS BLVD
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OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

08-Jul-2006

Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JOHN L FORREST
(703)971-3905
Email: WZ4A@ARRL.NET

VEC: Laurel/VEC
Location: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK IN REAR
2723 KING ST
DOOR@INTERSECTION OF CHURCH
& ATTACHED SCHOOL BUILDING
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

08-Jul-2006

Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RADIO CLUB
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ROBERT L ROSE
(410)437-8193
Email: AA3RR@KI3DS.ORG

VEC: Laurel/VEC
Location: DAVIDSON FAMILY RECREATION CENTER
3789 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE RD
WWW.W3VPR.ORG
REGISTRATION STARTS @ NOON

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

09-Jul-2006

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA

Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ALAN R MOECK

(540)869-1117

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VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: TIMBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

231 E PICCADILLY ST

PRE-REGISTRATION URGED

WINCHESTER, VA 22601

15-Jul-2006

Sponsor: LAUREL ARC (LARC)

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN B CREEL

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VEC: LaurelVEC

Location: WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAUREL BUILDING

384 MAIN ST

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

LAUREL, MD 20707

25-Jul-2006

Sponsor: MARYLAND MOBILEERS

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: HAROLD L NICHOLS

(410)757-0493

Email: WB4OGP@CABLESPEED.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: HISTORIC ELECTRONICS MUSEUM

WEST NURSERY ROAD

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27-Jul-2006

Sponsor: K3FBI

Time: 12 NOON (No walk-ins)

Contact: CARLOS FERNANDEZ

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Email: CFERNANDEZ@FBIACADEMY.EDU

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: FISH BOWL CONFERENCE ROOM

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CELL PHONE: 571-641-6410

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QUANTICO, VA 22134

30-Jul-2006

Sponsor: ANTIETAM RADIO ASSOC

Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT E LONG

(301)824-5132

Email: RJLONG61@MYACTV.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: WWW.W3CWC.ORG/TESTING.HTML

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WESTERN ENTERPRISE FIRE HALL

HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740

VE Exams at Manassas Hamfest

From: "John Forrest" <jforrest@cox.net>
To: "w1cro" <w1cro@thehamshack.info>
Cc: MVARC Members

Subject: RE: VE Exams at Manassas Hamfest
Date: Wed, 7 Jun 2006 20:22:33 -0400
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook CWS, Build 9.0.2416 (9.0.2910.0)
X-Spam-Score: 1.373 (INFO_TLD)

On behalf of the MVARC VE Team, I'd like to thank OVH for providing us with the opportunity to further serve the local ham community. We've been running monthly tests in Alexandria for something over 15 years. A substantial number of our VE's have been with the team since the beginning - clearly reflecting their commitment to a version of public service.

We look forward to future association with OVH.

73 de john wz4a

-----Original Message-----

From: w1cro [mailto:w1cro@mail.thehamshack.info]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 8:55 AM
To: jforrest@cox.net
Subject: VE Exams at Manassas Hamfest

Hi John:

Ruth and David passed along your e-mail with the results. That was a great day for us. And you and the MVARC Team made it so. Congratulations on a wonderful job and "Thank you" from the Ole Virginia Hams ARC. I'll be following this up with a letter that expresses our thanks in better form.

73,

Arthur Whittum
Chairman,
Manassas Hamfest 2006

Manassas HAMFEST 2006

Please accept my congratulations for an outstanding Hamfest this year. You all put forth the effort to make this one of the best we have had. There may be some quibbling about attendance numbers, but the fact remains that we executed a smooth running operation that made a lot of people happy. In talking to the people and vendors that visited and participated - they were all happy. The weather cooperated and made it a hit as well. The guys from Winchester did their usual fine support job on Sunday; and the Mount Vernon ARC provided a well-oiled machine for the Volunteer Exams. One notable item - one YL went from No-Code Tech to Extra; passing General, Extra and Morse elements one right after the other. We have her picture to be posted along with other Hamfest photo shots later this week.

As John Forrest (MVARC) reported:

Today (4 June), 16 members of the MVARC VE Team administered VE exams at the Manassas hamfest.

Here are the exam results:

Number of applicants tested = 25
Number receiving new or upgraded licenses = 16
 New Techs = 6
 New Generals = 6
 New Extras = 4
 Earned Element Credit = 3
Number of exam elements administered = 34
Number of exam elements passed = 21

And of most importance, 6 previously unlicensed folks became new hams (including 2 kids)!!

I'm sure that you've all heard horror stories about the "all-day" hamfest exams. For the record, we started testing folks as soon as we were set up at around 0800 and exited the test site about 1045. And, as usual for our team (and our VEC), all exams were at no cost to the applicants.

As a result of the speed of the Laurel VEC system, **the new licenses/upgrades have taken effect at the FCC** as of this writing - Monday PM.

Thanks to everyone who helped out and specifically to: **Phil/KF4AJZ, George/AF4JH, Don/K1DCA, Frank/AA4ZS, Pat/KG4URP, Carol/WA4GFW, Leila/WN4PP, Lisa/KD4DGO, Frank/K4EC, Paul/AA8O, Steve/K3IZ, Glenn/W4OCC, MaryN4TCI, Pat/KB8PYM, Dave/KD4SV, and John/WZ4A.**

There were, of course, some empty tables but all in all - a good day had by all. And the word will get out for next year. At least one vendor had unavoidable problems to deal with and had to bypass our hamfest. I expect them next year.

The plusses and minuses will be documented over the next few weeks and we'll probably have a close estimate of the financial success of our efforts by next Meeting - with a final count by the July meeting.

So thanks again and don't be bashful about letting me know what you thought was good and what you thought could be improved. I'll try to collect everything and have it to report out at the July meeting. That's when we need to select a new Hamfest chairman for 2007 and get the planning process started to make 2007 even better.

I won't be at the June meeting - we have personal matters to attend to out of town that week.

So thanks again for all the hard work.

73, Arthur/W1CRO

Ham Radio at Camp Snyder
Provided by John Heartney/KG4NXT

From: Shirley Couteau
To: WC4J
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 3:56 PM
Subject: Re: ham radio at camp Snyder

Hi,

OK, a week later my ears have finally stopped ringing from the leather work going on at Snyder's Grand Opening.

I wanted to let you know just how very much I appreciated your group coming out to introduce the cubs to Ham Radio.

Thanks again and I hope to work with you again soon,
Shirley Couteau

WC4J <wc4j@comcast.net> wrote:

I will be working Friday night unfortunately but if someone will be there Friday afternoon I can come out and take a look and than come in early 7-8 am to setup.

Brian

Shirley Couteau wrote:

Dear Brian,

That would be awesome, thank you! We will be at Camp Snyder grand opening in Haymarket, here is the mapquest for it:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=6100%20Antioch%20Road&city=Haymarket&state=VA&country=US&style=2>

The events part of the day is from 9:30 - 4:30 with a break from 11:30 - 1:30 for lunch and opening day ceremonies. Set up is Friday night or very early Saturday morning. You may want to come out Friday evening to scope out where you want to set up or even set up Friday evening.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me, swcouteau@yahoo.com

Thanks again,
Shirley Couteau

WC4J <wc4j@comcast.net> wrote:

Shirley Couteau,

Hi I'm Brian Cochran WC4J. Your request for ham radio was forwarded to me since the other club was unavailable. I am a member of OVH a radio club in Manassas and we also do the Jamboree on the air in Manassas. I am glad to inform you that we have a small trailer 21ft with a mobile radio station we can bring out to your camp Saturday and allow the scouts to get on the air. If you are interested please let me know what time to be there. The trailer is self powered with a genset so we do not need electricity just a place to park it with it's tow vehicle.

Thanks for allowing us to help with such a great event

Brian WC4J

703-965-6011

WC4J@COMCAST.NET