

The OVH ARC Newsletter
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108
FM Repeaters - W4OVH - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+
D-STAR Repeater - W4OVH - Coming later in 2009: 442.5125+
OVH Packet - Port 1: 145.730 Mhz, Port 3: 223.540 MHz - Sysop: Bill/N4SV
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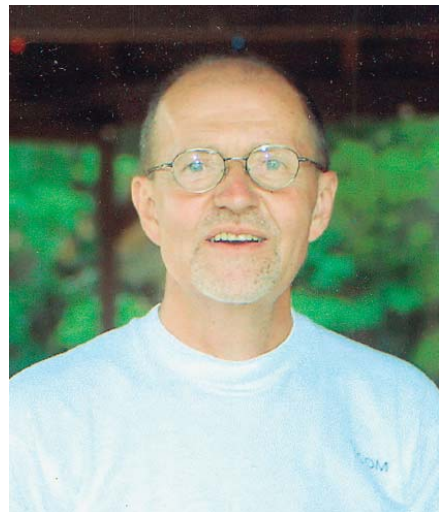
June 2009

Next Meeting: June 15, 2009

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all, as most of you are aware June is always a very, very busy month for OVH members and this year will be no different.

Those of you who receive the OVH Newsletter by email should receive it on or about Thursday, June 11th, which is just before the OVH Hamfest this year which will be on Sunday, June 14th. A enormous amount of planning, coordination and hard work has gone into making the 2009 OVH Hamfest a great success this year - although a lot still remains to be done. Please plan to help with the set up on Saturday morning (June 13th), with helping out during the Hamfest on Sunday (June 14th), and with take down when that Hamfest ends on Sunday afternoon.



The current weather forecast for Sunday, June 14th, if it holds, says no rain this year which should help out a lot with attendance! All of the space in the main commercial building has been sold out and are well into the second building. Chris / KI4POT and Bruce / AB8CI have been co-chairs again this year and have been doing a super job! Of course we can't forget all the other volunteers, without whom this event wouldn't be possible.

If you would like to help out with set up on Saturday morning or at the Hamfest on Sunday, but haven't signed up to do so yet, check into the OVH VHF net at 8:00 PM on Thursday evening, or call or email Chris / KI4POT or Bruce / AB8CI. Also, check the OVH email reflector for last minute announcements. Things are well under control but more volunteers are always welcomed and you'll have fun too working with other OVH members during the OVH Manassas Hamfest!

The D-Star repeater is now functioning Keith / KM4AA's QTH Keith has done a great job in setting up the repeater and continues to work on the computer / Internet software. If you are D-Star capable, the repeater is operational in the evenings and weekends on 442.5125, but, of course, its range is quite limited due to the location and antennas at the test bed location. Give it a try anyway. **Cont'd on Page 3**

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The OVH ARC meets at 7:30 p.m. local time every third Monday of the month at the NOVEC Tech Center, 5399 Wellington Branch Road, Gainesville, Virginia 20155. Members, prospective members and all other interested persons are invited to attend. Local information can also always be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.97 & 224.660 Mhz. Up to date information about OVH activities and meetings is also available on the OVH web site at <http://www.w4ovh.net>.

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While on the subject of D-Star, I wish to report I now have most of the parts which will be needed for the DV Board build sessions later this summer. Unfortunately (or fortunately) work has been taking most of my time and that is expected to continue until some point in July. I will try to plan the first build during my vacation in July - which has not been planned yet due to the press of work obligations. My thanks to all that are participating in the build and more so for your patience.

Joe / KI4OHR is OVH's Field Day chairman this year and Field Day will be on Saturday / Sunday, June 27 and 28, this year. This is one of the most fun OVH events during the year, and we hope most of the membership will attend at least part of the time. The location will be at the Nokesville Park, the same place it has been for the last several years. A flyer for the event appears on page 8 of this Newsletter. Joe is looking for volunteers for setup, operating positions, miscellaneous tasks, and tear down, and that will be the main subject of discussion at the upcoming regular meeting this coming Monday.

The regular OVH meeting this month will be on June 15th at 7:30 PM at the NOVEC Technical Center in Gainesville. Field Day planning will be the principal topic but I'm sure we'll have some discussions about the then completed Hamfest. Hope to see you at there!

73 George K4GVT

Sunshine Corner:

Birthdays this month: Jan / KE4TMW, Steve / N4OGR, Doris / KI4DAL, Wayne / AG4ZZ, Gene / N4HFW and Bob / K4HJF. Very best wishes to you all for a great day!

For the OMs in the club who are fathers, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Enjoy your special day!

Please let me know if you have a student graduating this year!

While attending the May meeting, we found out that quite a few of our members were able to attend the Dayton Hamfest in Ohio, sounds like it was a great experience for all!

Congratulations to the OVH scholarship winner this year, Ryan Boone. Ryan is graduating from Battlefield High School and will be attending Duke University in the fall. Jim / W4JTP and the others on the scholarship committee (Mary Lou & Ruth) made another terrific choice this year!

Our very own Mark / WA4KFZ has been working with Nokesville Fire Department during the past year to conduct Technician and General License classes for the firefighters. In appreciation of Mark's hard work, Chip / KJ4EOY presented Mark with his own Nokesville Firefighter hat complete with his call sign on it at the May meeting. Thanks to Chip for making this presentation and way to go Mark!

Welcome and congratulations to Ross / AJ4LL. He was voted in as a member at the May meeting. Ross has already helped out the club at two recent VE sessions!

We will miss seeing Steve / KB4OF at the Hamfest this year, but Steve will be in Richmond at a convention at which he will be honored by the American Legion. Congrats Steve!

Hamfest – By the time this goes to print, the Hamfest will be in just a few days away. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there! Please visit me at the bake sale table. Special thank you to Al / KB4BHB for contributing great woodworking items for the sale. Thanks also to everyone who contributes baked goods to the sale! More on this in the next newsletter.

Wrapping up June will be Field Day. This is one of the most fun event which the OVH holds each year. And don't forget the covered dish dinner

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on Saturday evening, June 27th. This is a family event so come on out and enjoy Field Day and the company of OVH members and their families.

Please send your news (email) to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or telephone: 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting May 18, 2009:

George / K4GVT called meeting to order at 1930 Eastern Time.

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

After introductions, Jim / W4JTP presented the 2009 OVH Scholarship Award to Ryan Boone who is graduating from Battlefield High School with a 4.505 GPA, Ryan will be attending Duke University for Electrical and Computer Engineering. (More about that is on page 6 below.)

Presentation by Chip / KJ4EOY to Mark / WA4KFZ for his tremendous work in conducting Technician and General License Classes at the Nokesville Fire Department. Mark went above and beyond to work with the firefighters on teaching the classes and then arranging testing sessions so we would have more licensed hams in the area. Chip gave Mark a very nice Nokesville Fire Department hat complete with his call sign on it.

Minutes from the April meeting had one correction in the Sunshine corner under birthdays, David's call sign should read KG4GIY, the minutes were otherwise approved as noted.

Treasurer's report by Butch / W4HJL, report was approved.

Membership – Bruce / AB8CI had one application to be voted on: Ross / AJ4LL. Ross was voted in!

ARES – Keith KM4AA told us that ARES will participate in Field Day again this year.

Education – Mark WA4KFZ will probably have another Tech class in the fall, more info to follow at a later date.

Field Day – Art is working on getting the emergency message copied and is working on getting the Red Cross to bring the big truck.

Sunshine – Theresa announced the birthdays for May, congratulations to Tanya (daughter of George / K4GVT) for winning a scholarship. Contributions for the bake sale are solicited!

Website – suggestion by Chris / KI4POT and others that a meeting be held to consider and address updating of the OVH website.

Break

50/50 \$21 won by Mark / WA4KFZ who donated it back to the club.

Old Business – Al / KB4BHB reminded everyone of the Special Event Station commemorating the Second Battle of Bull Run will held on August 27th, again at the Park on Signal Hill Road.

New Business – D Star – Keith / KM4AA is investigating several possible ways to link the regular repeaters and the D Star repeater together, including use of a DSL connection with VOIP and/or a telephone line. Ultimately, only a DSL line / connection should be required. Keith will report later once he has more information. Art /

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W1CRO and Bruce / AB8CI suggested that Keith determine the actual costs and make a further report or a motion at a future meeting.

Hamfest – Chris / KI4POT still needs a lot of help, especially with security on Saturday night; Neil / KD7UHR will be organizing the schedule for that. Please contact Neil if you can help out. George / K4GVT advised that OVH had sold 82 spaces as of the May meeting. Bruce / AB8CI and Chris / KI4POT will visit the fairgrounds for inspection. Ruth, Bill and Joe will help with money in the office. On Saturday, June 13th, before the Hamfest setup starts, we will meet for breakfast at the Chick-A-Fil on Liberia Avenue at 8:00 am; on Sunday after the take down is finished, we will have dinner at Tony's Pizza in the Bull Run Plaza off of Sudley Manor Drive.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM passed and meeting was adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

June 14, 2009 (Sunday) - OVH Manassas Hamfest. Mark you calendars for this now! Check w4ovh.net for details or with Chris / KI4POT or Bruce / AB8CI. See also the "flyer" which is being circulated for this event which is included in the electronic version of this Newsletter. Set up for this by the OVH Club members will be on Saturday, June 13th preceded by breakfast at the Chick-A-Fil on Libera Avenue, Manassas at 8:00 am.

OPERATING CONTESTS / EVENTS

June 27 - 28, 2009. (Saturday and Sunday), the ARRL / OVH Field Day at the Nokesville Park. This is one of the most "fun" events of the year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

There a many operating contests almost all of the time! The excellent web site maintained by WA7BNM lists most of them! See <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for latest updates. David maintains a comprehensive calendar for upcoming events at that web site.



Picture to the left: at the May 18, 2009 Meeting:

Chip / KJ4EOY (on the right) from the Nokesville Fire Dept presenting a customized Nokesville Fire Dept hat to Mark / WA4KFZ (on the left) to thank Mark for organizing and teaching Technician and General Amateur Radio Classes at the Nokesville Fire Station.

AWARD OF THE 2009 HARRY D. VORHAUER W4PVA SCHOLARSHIP AT THE MAY 18, 2009 OVH MEETING

Ryan Boone of Battlefield High School, Prince William County, Virginia, was the winner of the OVH's Harry D. Vorhauer W4PVA Scholarship for 2009. With a 4.505 GPA, Ryan is ranked 2nd in his graduating class of 600 seniors.

Ryan's current school activities include the Robotics Team, the National Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society, the English National Honor Society, Student Council Association, and the Math Club.

In the community, Ryan is an Eagle Scout, and also involved with Computer Lab Mentoring, Peer Tutoring, and Science Community Events. He has also taken a special interest in promoting anti-bullying efforts in Virginia schools, and assisted in the creation of a permanent school board advisory committee on school safety.

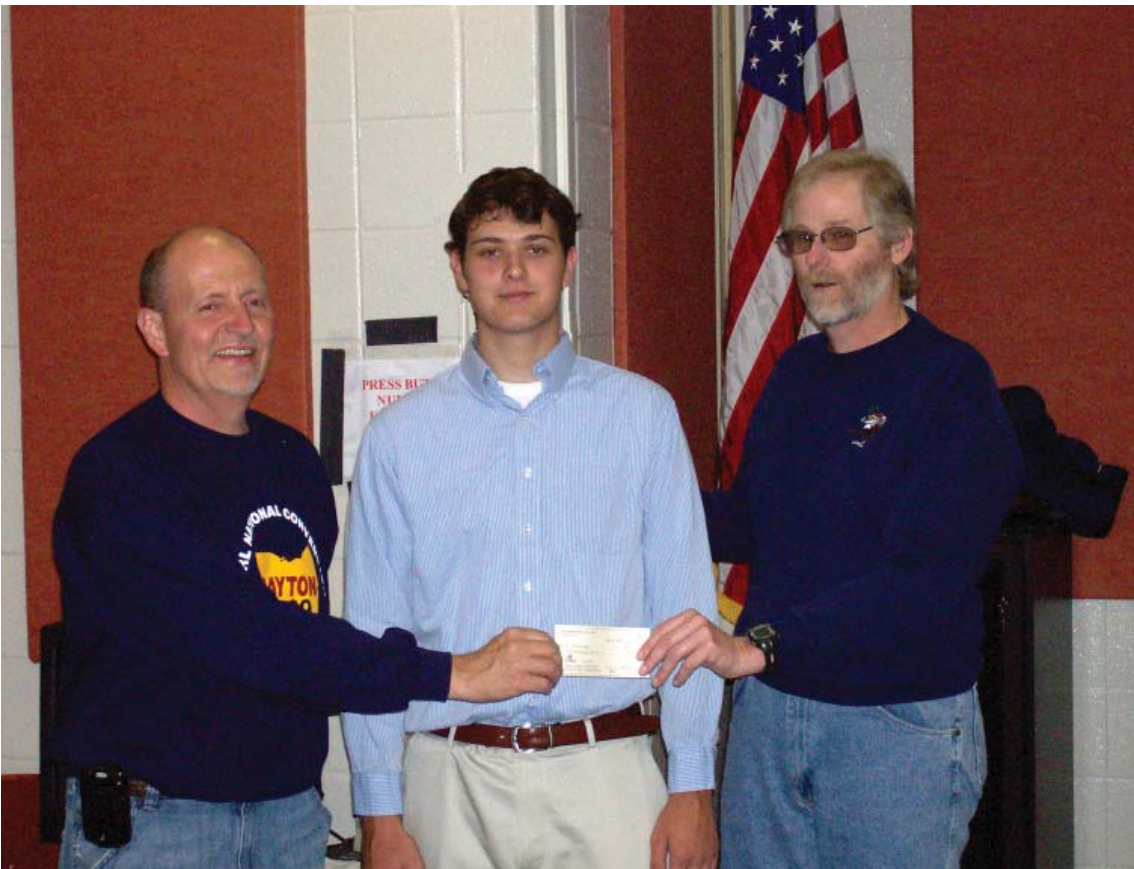
Ryan was on the six-student team representing the U.S. in the 2008 International Space Olympics. There, he competed against other students from several countries in math, physics and literature, and his research project on plant growth on the surface of Mars. Ryan finished 16th out of 180 students, and took 1st place in literature.

Between all these activities, Ryan enjoys hobbies like robotics and engineering, skiing, backpacking and camping, politics, reading, Czech culture, violin, meeting new people, and trying new things.

Ryan will soon be off to Duke University where he plans to major in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He hopes to pursue a career in fields that will support soldiers and emergency services personnel, then eventually start his own business.

While at Duke, Ryan will be part of the Robertson Scholars Program, a multi-faceted scholarship, leadership development, and life development program for, in its words, "student who have done great things, but more importantly, students who desire to do even greater things."

The OVH has little doubt that Ryan is going to do just that.



Ryan Boone
(center)

George / K4GVT
(on the left)

Jim / W4JTP
(on the right)

VIRGINIA'S OLE FASHIONED Manassas Hamfest

AMATEUR RADIO, COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

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The 2nd Sunday in June — Rain or Shine!

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Prince William County Fairgrounds

New Expanded Indoor Covered Area For Your Comfort

10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112-2720 (Route 234) - TALK-IN 146.97- 224.660- 442.200+

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

8-foot tables: \$25 each

with chairs & electricity
(\$20 if reserved by May 1)
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$6 per person at gate

No Advance Sales
Gates open at 7 AM
Free Parking

TAILGATING

\$6 per space (plus admission)

Gates open at 6 AM
Ample Room—25 acres
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

VE TESTING — Contact David, KG4GIY (kg4giy@arrl.net) for more details

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly beginning at 9 AM for those present
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM (You need not be present to win)

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- Virginia Section Manager's Forum
- 4th 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

Our Featured Vendors:



Directions/Details/Hotel Info at our Web Site <http://www.w4ovh.net>

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FIELD DAY 2009

When: Starting at 1 PM on Saturday, June 27th thru 4 PM on Sunday, the 28th

Where: Nokesville Park
From Manassas: Rt. 28 South turn left on Fitzwater Drive
Go to the end of the road, turn right and follow to the entrance of the park on the right.

Sponsored by: The Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club

Purpose: Ham Radio Operators using Morse Code, Phone and Satellites to communicate across the country using emergency power. This event is open to the public. Radio stations will be set up so that we will be able to get YOU on the air!

Dinner: Pot Luck on Saturday evening at 6 PM, join us with your favorite cookout dish!

**A BALLOON ANTENNA DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWS
DINNER!**

*More information contact Joseph Dobes, (703)369-2639 or
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