

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

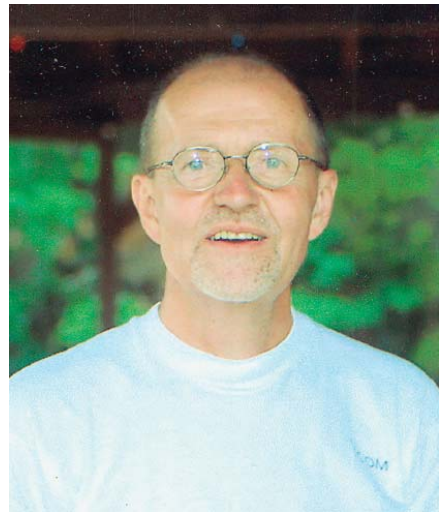
## June 2010

### Next Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2010

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all, at this point the Manassas OVH Hamfest on June 13th has passed and my absence is noted. Unfortunately, my business has required me to be out of country this year. I'm very sorry I couldn't make it this year. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate this year again as it did last year.

A considerable amount of work went gone into making the Manassas OVH Hamfest a success again this year. Preliminary reports which I received by email while overseas are that the weather did cooperate and the Hamfest was a success. Hopefully, more specific information will be available by the upcoming meeting on June 21st. I would like to give special thanks to Chris / KI4POT who was left to manage the Hamfest while I and others were away. Thank you Chris! I would also like to say thank you to the OVH membership for their support of this very important annual event.



June is always the busiest month for OVH activities and the next big event, coming up shortly will be Field Day 2010 on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th. I hope many or all of you will be able to volunteer for setup, to participate in operating the stations, and to help with tear down on Sunday afternoon. This is one of the most FUN club events of the year, and family members and friends are invited. Your support is vital to its success! John / KG4NXT, Theresa / KG4TVM and Wayne / N7QLK are co-chairs for Field Day. More information about Field Day will be given out at the upcoming regular OVH meeting on June 21st, and last minute information just before Field Day will be given out on the Thursday night net at 8:00 pm on June 24th.

DV-Board Project - as reported last month, I have all the parts here for the DV-Board Project, but my travel schedule has made it impossible to find the time to schedule the builds sessions so far. Hopefully, those will start sometime in July.

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## HAMFEST 2010

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## FIELD DAY 2010

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Bill	N4SV	590-9562

## PROGRAMS

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## WINTER FIELD DAY 2011

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## PUBLICITY

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## SCHOLARSHIP

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9930 Liberia Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. 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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I hope you all can make the upcoming OVH meeting on Monday, June 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the meeting room at the Prince William County Red Cross at 9930 Liberia Avenue, Manassas.

73 George K4GVT

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## Sunshine Corner:

A very happy birthday this month to Jan / KE4TMW, Steve / N4OGR, Doris / KI4DAL, Wayne / AG4ZZ, Gene / N4HFW and Bob / K4HJF.

Welcome to our newest members voted in during the May meeting, Keith / KJ4GUT and Robert / KJ4SZJ, hope to see you both at Hamfest!

Congratulations to Jillian Kline (Wayne / AG4ZZ's daughter) on graduating from Woodbridge Senior High School. She will be attending James Madison University in the fall and will work toward a major in communications. Best wishes Jillian, we know dad is very proud!

Congratulations also to Brian / KE4RTL (number two son of Paul / W4ZB) who received his Ph.D. at UCLA earlier this month, way to go Brian!

By the time this appears in the June Newsletter, the 2010 Manassas OVH Hamfest will already have come and gone. THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this another successful OVH event. Thanks also to everyone who donated yummy items to the bake sale at the 2010 Manassas OVH Hamfest, we had a wonderful turnout. Special thanks to Lisa Bryant (Steve / N0DWB's wife and future OVH member) for helping me at the bake sale table!

Not making it to the Manassas Hamfest this year for, he says, the first time since 1983, was Fred / N3KVV who has helped out in recent years and occasionally attends OVH meetings when visiting in the area. He was in a bad automobile accident and expects to be in a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania hospital for several weeks, but a good recovery is expected eventually.

Be sure to attend the upcoming OVH meeting for the latest word about Field Day which is being co-chaired by Wayne / N7QLK, John / KG4NXT and me. Also be sure to mark your calendars to participate in Field Day this year on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th at the Pavillion at the Nokesville Community Park. Family and friends are invited. See you there!

Enjoy your summer and Happy Father's Day!

Just a reminder, the Thursday night net is going strong at 8:00 pm, please join us on the OVH repeater! If you would like to be a net control just let John / KG4NXT know.

Please send me your news to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or call 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

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## Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting May 17, 2010:

George / K4GVT called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9934 Liberia Avenue, Manassas, Virginia.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 26 OVH members and 2 guests.

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## BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the April meeting were passed with one change, to add Robert / KJ4SZJ as read in by the Membership committee.

Treasurer's report was given by Gary / WG4ARC. Report was approved as read.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Joe / KI4OHR is the acting membership chair until Bruce / AC8CI returns, Joe will be unable to attend meetings for the next few months due to taking classes on Monday nights.

Robert / KJ4SZJ and Keith / KJ4GUT were both voted in as new members; Keith Doll (no license yet) was read in, he does not have a call sign yet.

ARES – Steve / N4OGR reminded everyone about Hamfest weekend and the MD150.

Repeater – Keith / KM4AA reported that all repeaters are up and running, he is receiving complaints on the FM signal and this is being worked on; Keith also reported that the Anne Arundel club is bringing their duplexer to the Hamfest and we will be looking into fixing the club's duplexer. Al / KB4BHB has looked at the roof of the shed and given an estimate of \$250 for materials to fix it, Keith wanted to know if we want him to approach NOVEC about fixing that roof. After discussion, a motion was made to spend \$250 to fix the roof on the shed with NOVEC permission. Motion passed.

Scholarship – Jim / W4JTP reported that our \$1000 Scholarship winner this year is Michelle Martin from Battlefield High School, Michelle was 3rd in her class and will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall. Jim did receive 7 applications total; he thanks Ruth / KU4WH & Mary Lu / KB4EFP for their help in the selection process.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT reported that work is still being done on pulling Field Day together for June 26th and 27th. John asked about the G5RV at the shed, Keith will bring it to Hamfest so John can work on it; George / K4GVT let us know that he had spoken to someone at the News & Messenger about putting an article in the paper in prior to the event.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM announced the birthdays for the month and also offered congratulations to Elizabeth / KG4NXV for graduating from Virginia Tech and also to Megan Phillips, daughter of Wayne / N7QLK who is graduating High School and who will be attending Towson University in the fall. Also congratulations to George / K4GVT on the birth of his TENTH grandchild.

## BREAK

Hamfest – Chris / KI4POT reviewed all Hamfest information, still needs volunteers for tail gate parking, otherwise everything is ready to go and hopefully the weather will cooperate; Keith / KJ4GUT is supplying people for security; George / K4GVT has about 80 tables indoor sold and reminded us that there will be last minute sales too; Gary / WG4ARC and Paul / W4ZB have volunteered to work with Ruth / KU4WH and Joe / KI4OHR in the money room; breakfast on Saturday morning, June 12th for the volunteer workers for the Hamfest setup will be at the Chick-Fil-A on Liberia Avenue at 8:00 am, work to start on the Hamfest setup at 9:00 am at the Prince William County Fairgrounds; dinner on Sunday, June 13th after the Hamfest tear down will be at Tony's in the Bull Run Plaza; tickets for the vendors have a watermark; each tailgate ticket will be \$7 and it will be \$7 for each paid attendee. Individuals holding winning

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tickets will need to be present this year to win prizes; Theresa / KG4TVM will be running the bake sale again this year and asks for bake sale donations.

New Business – Ken Doll who was read in by membership has asked for help with his radio equipment and getting it up and running.

50/50 – \$13.50 was won by Elizabeth / KG4NXV

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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## Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

### HAMFESTS:

June 25th - 27th, Ham Radio – Friedrichshafen, Germany. This is the biggest hamfest in Europe, 18K+ attendees, almost the size of the Dayton Hamvention. Details at <http://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de>.

July 18, Maryland Hamfest and Computer Fest at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Details and more information at <http://www.bratsatv.org>.

Aug 1st, Berryville Hamfest at the Clark County Fairgrounds, Berryville, VA. Details and more information at <http://www.svarc.us/hamfest>.

September 11, Virginia Beach Hamfest at the Virginia Beach Conventions Center, Virginia Beach, VA. Details and more information at <http://vbhamfest.com>.

### OPERATING EVENTS AND CONTESTS

June 26th - 27th. The annual ARRL - OVH Field Day event at the Nokesville Community Park, Nokesville, Virginia, about 6 miles SW of Manassas at the Pavillion in that Park. Plan to attend. More details in the May 2010 OVH Newsletter and on the OVH web site, [w4ovh.net](http://w4ovh.net). Last minute details on the 8:00 pm Thursday night OVH Net on June 24th.

There are many other 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.

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## Back to Fundamentals: Three Timely Quotations from Thomas Jefferson's Writings

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.



Aerial View (from Google Maps) of the Prince William County Fairgrounds  
Location of the annual OVH Manassas, Virginia Hamfest



Bird's Eye View (from Microsoft's Bing Maps) of the same area





Some Photos from the 2010 OVH Manassas Hamfest - thanks to Art / W1CRO



This page -  
indoors in the  
Main Commercial  
Building at  
the Prince  
William County  
Fairgrounds





To the left: mid-morning during the Hamfest — the last to fill, west end of the parking lot is filling up with attendees.

To the right: one shot of one small part of the outdoor tailgate / fleamarket area.

More picture takers are needed for next year!



### Some Reasons Why Hams And Others Attend One Day Hamfests

Everyone has different reasons and interests for attending: Some are. 1. look to purchase hard to find electronic parts, spares or gadgets - especially for electronic enthusiasts and homebrewers. 2. to get information, look at or purchase new equipment, accessories and related items from commercial vendors - especially for newer hams and others planning or needing to purchase a specific items; 3. look for bargain purchases of older / used ham equipment, test and computer equipment and accessories - get there early because the best bargains usually go very early; 4. go with or meet up with other friends and enthusiasts or with other special interest group members who will be attending; 5. attend presentations or seminars at the hamfest to learn something new or to update knowledge or skills; 6. take children / spouses / friends who are or may become interested in the hobby or who want to learn more; 7. peruse / purchase the ham publications - to stay up to date with the newest publication or to fill in collections of older ones; 8. take a VEC given FCC exam for a new license or to upgrade - exams are usually given early in the day so get there early; 9. make new acquaintances with other enthusiasts; 10. have ARRL reps checks QSL cards; 11. have a chance at winning a door prize or sampling hamfest food; etc., etc.. The attendees at Sunday hamfests (as distinct from Saturday hamfests) leave earlier because the next day is a work or school day. If a significant part of the hamfest is outdoors, the weather must cooperate or attendance will be off.