

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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June 2013

Next Meeting: Monday, June 17, 2012

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Hello to all and I hope this message finds you all healthy and well.

Well another OVH Hamfest is in the rear-view mirror and from all reports so far, a great success. I would like to give special thanks to Terry / KC4DV for all his hard work that went into the organizing and coordinating the Hamfest and, also, to all of the volunteers, OVH club members and others, who helped make the 39th OVH Manassas Hamfest a success.

I saw a lot of enthusiastic and smiling young faces in the Youth Lounge during the Hamfest – well more than 50 young visitors I am informed. Special thanks to Terry / WA5NTI who worked hard to create and coordinate that effort with help from Andrea / KG4IUM. Special thanks are also deserved for the Prince William County 4-H organization which provided all of their support and energy and publicized the Hamfest event to their members.

I didn't get a chance make it to any of the forums during the Hamfest, but heard that all were successful in drawing attendees and participants. If you have thoughts or opinions about the forums, I would love to hear them at the upcoming meeting.

Also, although they might not see this right away, I'd also like to extend a welcome to all the new amateur radio operators that got their first license at the successful VEC Session during the Hamfest and to all the current hams who upgraded their license class. Another round of thanks goes out to all the VE's who made the testing possible - you have opened a doorway to a whole new world for the new hams and it is a journey that will last a lifetime for many of them.

If there is anyone I have forgotten please see forgive me and know that without your help this show would not have happened.

So now we turn our attention to Field Day lets give Randy / WB7RAV and Clarence, K4CNM



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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday each month at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9930 Liberia Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz or D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz. Up to date information about OVH activities and its meetings is also available during the OVH's nets on its FM Repeater each Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. or on 80 meters (3710 KHz) LSB each Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. (8:00 pm in Summer) or through the OVH's web site at <http://w4ovh.net>

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our support to make the upcoming OVH / ARRL Field Day to be held on Sat. June 22nd and Sun. June 23rd another a great one.

I hope all can attend the upcoming OVH meeting on Monday, June 17th at 7:30 PM where the focus will be on the upcoming Field Day and the just completed Hamfest!

73 Justin KJ4LAS

Sunshine Corner:

Happy birthdays this month to Jan / KE4TMW, Robert / KJ4SDD, Steve / N4OGR, Doris / KI4DAL, Rosemary / KI4SND, Wayne / AG4ZZ, Gene / N4HFW and Bob / K4HJF. We hope each of you will have a wonderful day!

Congratulations to Wayne / AG4ZZ for completing the Prince William 24 hour Run in May and winning Fourth Place in the men's division in that race - that was a lot of running!

Quite a few OVH members made it to the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio in May and two made it to the full day Contest University program in Dayton the day before the Hamvention started. All, including the contingent hanging out with George / K4GVT, made it back home safely.

WOW - by the time you read this another OVH Manassas Hamfest will have just been completed! Looking forward to hearing from our club members on their hamfest experiences. Special thanks to Terry / KC4DV who did a wonderful job chairing this event! We do have several of our club members who couldn't attend hamfest due to traveling, safe returns to them!

Congratulations to Jacob Lasrado, a senior at Woodbridge Senior High School, Woodbridge, Virginia, who was awarded the OVH's \$1,000 scholarship at the May 20th OVH meeting.

Congrats to Jim / W4HJH who has a granddaughter graduating! Congrats also to Paul / W4ZB whose daughter, Kelly, is receiving her Ph.D. in History from Stanford University this month.

Our thoughts are with Chuck / W4XP on the loss of his sister.

Congratulations to Clarence / K4CNM on completing his first effort as Net Control Operator on the Thursday night, VHF / UHF repeater net. Welcome to the Net Control Operators' club, Clarence, you did a great job! Thanks also to Joe / KI4OHR and Randy / WB7RAV for previously handling net control operator duties on the Thursday evening net; each has had to step down because of other commitments. Anyone who would like to try running the net, contact John / KG4NXT.

The OVH is now gearing up for the OVH / ARRL Field Day on Sat. June 22nd and Sun. June 23rd, now less than two weeks away. This is a major FUN operating and social event for club members and non-members each year. Many details are posted on the W4OVH.NET web site, more will be announced at the upcoming meeting, and last minute items on the Thursday night VHF/UHF net just before Field Day. Also, contact Randy / WB7RAV who is Field Day chairman for more information. Hope to see everyone there.

Everyone enjoy your Fourth of July too! If you have any news for the Sunshine Corner, good or bad please send me an email at kg4tvm@hotmail.com or call me at 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting

May 20, 2013:

Justin / KJ4LAS, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on May 20, 2013. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

Following the Pledge, Justin / KJ4LAS asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the tornados in Moore, Oklahoma.

All present stated their names and call signs. There were 29 OVH members and 3 guests.

Program – Jim / W4JTP presented the 2013 OVH scholarship winner, Jacob Lasrado, a senior from Woodbridge Senior High School; he was one of eight applicants. Thanks to Jim / W4JTP, Ruth / KU4WH and Butch / W4HJL for reviewing the applications. Jacob Lasrado received \$1,000 check to assist him when he enrolls at Virginia Tech in an Electrical Engineering program.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as read with a motion from John / KG4NXT; second by Butch / W4HJL

Treasurer's report – given by Art / W1CRO because Terry / KC4DV was unable to attend the meeting due to travel, approved as read, motion by John / KG4NXT and second by Paul / W4ZB.

Membership – Luther / KJ4FDK read in one application for Rick Minor / K4NCX.

ARES – Steve / N4OGR thanked those that helped with the Cougar 5K event.

Repeaters – Keith / KM4AA reported that everything is working with the repeaters.

Training – John / KG4NXT reported on the VE Session that was held after the last class conducted by Mark WA4KFZ.

Hamfest – Clarence / K4CNM reported tail gate ticket sales and parking will start at 6 am; Wayne / N7QLK could use two more people for overnight security, J&M Catering will be the food vendor this year; the Youth Lounge will have use of OVH club radios.

Field Day – Clarence K4CNM reported that several positions still need to be filled; Randy / WB7RAV reported that the Field Day site again this year will be Central Regional Library at Mathias Avenue and Connor Drive in Manassas, Virginia; The Red Cross Mobile Command will be there. but not sure at this point about the Red Cross canteen.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM announced the birthdays for the month and gave an update on Alan / WA2GTT; also Wayne / AG4ZZ participated in the 24 hour run in Prince William Park.

BREAK

Justin / KJ4LAS asked that club members please pass traffic for people in Oklahoma.

Web Page – Paul / W4ZB has everything running; Art / W1CRO announced that everyone should receive an email on how to access the complete and up to date membership lists and contact information on the Members' Only web page.

50/50 - Clarence / K4CNM won and donated his portion back to the club

Motion to adjourn by John KG4NXT at 8:35 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Sunday, August 4, 2013 - Berryville, Virginia Hamfest by the Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club. Relative close by and a good hamfest. More info. at <http://w4rkc.org/hamfest>

OPERATING EVENTS / CONTESTS:

Saturday - Sunday, June 22-23, 2013 - ARRL / OVH Field Day - at the Central Community Library grounds in Manassas. This is a major fun club event. Save this date. For more info, check back here on the OVH Reflector, also contact OVH Field Day Chairman, Randy / WB7RAV.

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

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. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

2013 OVH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — JACOB LASRADO

This year's Ole Virginia Hams Harry P. Vorhauer Scholarship was probably one of the most competitive we've had in recent years. Eight students submitted applications, which meant the Scholarship Committee—Jim / W4JTP, Butch / W4HJL and Ruth / KU4WH — had to do some serious thinking and comparing to decide on a winner.

But in the end, one candidate stood out from the rest — a senior, Jacob Lasrado, from Woodbridge Senior High School in Woodbridge, Virginia. Jacob received a scholarship check of \$1,000 from the OVH at the OVH's May 20, 2013 meeting to assist him with his studies after high school. Jacob has a GPA of 4.586, which ranks him 6th in a class of 630. His school activities include the Robotics Club, National Honor Society, Signet, AP Scholars, and Winter Track. He was also captain of the JV Soccer.

In his community work, Jacob is an Eagle Scout who has served as assistant senior patrol leader. He also had to supervise 20 Scouts in replacing a 125-ft historic brick pathway "It was a lot of hard physical work," he recalled in his application, "and keeping everyone focused and on track was sometimes a challenge." Serving as a soccer referee also gave Jacob experience in leadership and learning to work together with different personalities, and some insights into conflict resolution. Anyone who knows Soccer Moms will agree on how important that is. Soccer is also one of Jacob's hobbies — he's captain of his recreational team, and he also enjoys working on Robotics Club activities.



Jacob is on his way to Virginia Tech, where he expects to major in electrical engineering. His goal is to use his engineering knowledge and skills make a difference in the average person's life. Nothing big...just something like electricity or the cell phone. But whatever it is, Jacob wants it to change the world. Carlos Castro, the Career and Technical Education Chair at Woodbridge, says, "students like Jacob have the skill and drive we have all been looking for to help shape our future world with their contributions to the technical fields."

Upcoming ARRL / OVH Field Day Event - Saturday / Sunday - June 22 -23, 2013

The fast approaching ARRL / OVH Field Day event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd and 23rd. The location this year will be again on the North End of the Central Community Library grounds on the southwest side of the intersection of Centreville Road and Conner Drive in Manassas. This is an excellent, high visibility location and we can expect walk in visitors, as well as interest by the Librarians and library patrons. Randy / WB7RAV is in charge of the event again this year. Everyone should plan to attend, even if just for a few hours.

Those who have never attended a Field Day or who want an refresher should go to the ARRL.org web site and download the 2013 Field Day information package available at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>



Set up of the main tent will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, with generator, power wiring, antennas, transmission lines and switches for antennas, transceivers, logging computers, computer network cabling, furnishings, etc. set up following as soon as the tent is ready. We will have an air conditioned tent again this year. We expect to have several around the clock Field Day radio operators for each of the radio positions! To avoid difficulties this year for operators who are not familiar with particular equipment at the radio operator positions, PDF user manuals for the more difficult equipments are posted online at W4OVH.NET. Read or study them in advance! The catering / dinner plans are still not finalized but in the past, dinner has been served about 6:00 pm on Saturday evening for members, family and friends. Everyone should attend - lots of fun.

More info will be provided at the upcoming meeting, and look for last minute updates on the OVH email reflector and on the Thursday night OVH Radio Net on June 20th. See you at Field Day!

Results: VEC License Examination Session at the 2013 OVH Manassas Hamfest

The VEC session was run by the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club Volunteer Examiner Team consisting of Lisa / KD4DGO, John / K2VPR, Pat / WJ0T, Jorge / KD4DGQ, Pat / KG4URP, Debbie / KG4URO, Ray / K4GAA, Bob / KT4KS, Win / KG3RIB, Frank / K4EC, Dave / KD4SV and John / WZ4A. Results / Summary as follows:

Number of Applicants Tested = 19 Number of Elements Administered = 38

New Licensees: Technicians = 5 New Licensees: General - 2

Upgrades to General Class = 4 Upgrades to Extra Class = 0

No Elements Passed = 8

More applicants and new licenses this year than last year!

A Few 2013 Hamfest Pictures - Setup, Hamfest & Youth Lounge





