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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

AUGUST 2003

Next meeting: August 18, 2003

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

(Editor)

Greetings to all OVH'ers,

I hope that everyone is having a good summer. The club's Thursday night net has a new look with the retirement of **Ken/WB4ZOH**. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ken for taking charge of this **OVH** "institution" for so long (over 80 consecutive weeks) and to thank him for helping us make the transition. We now have a core group of volunteers who will take turns being the net manager on a weekly basis. The purpose of this is to give members who want **net control experience** a chance to run a net in a **non-emergency situation** and so far it is working out very well. If you would like to take a turn at the net control position please contact me at ku4wh@arrl.net and I will be glad to give you any help possible. The next meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams will be held on Monday, August 18th at 8 PM at the **NOVEC** Technical Center in Gainesville, VA. This month **Mark/KG4JAM** will be presenting an informative presentation on **APRS**.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

73 for now,

Ruth/KU4WH

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The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 8:00 PM every third Monday of the month at the NOVEC Tech Center in Gainesville. Prospective members are invited.

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@ar1.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 – July 21, 2003

Vice President **John Hartney/KG4NXT** called the meeting to order at 2001 Eastern daylight time.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns. There were **21 OVH members** and **two guests** present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 2003 OVH meeting were approved without corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Bill/N4WJN** - The Treasurer's Report passed.

REPEATERS: There was no significant news regarding the OVH repeaters.

HAMFEST: **Jack/N4YIC** - Jack prepared some notes regarding Hamfest, and gave a brief discussion about his notes. The possibility of changing the date, having **another amateur radio club participate** in the OVH Hamfest, or perhaps **having a two-day Hamfest** were discussed briefly. **No decisions were made**, and it was agreed that the **September 2003 OVH meeting** would be devoted primarily to discussing **future OVH Hamfests**. Jack, once again, thank you for your very generous help in making the OVH Hamfest a success the last several years.

MEMBERSHIP: **Charlotte/KG4QXO** – Four new potential members were read in and will be voted on at the August 2003 OVH meeting: **Larry Sned/KI4AFQ**, **Gerald Robinson/WW5W**, **David Meola/KI4AZX** and **Barry Barton/K4BLB**. **Wallace Johnson/KF4QQP**, **Keith Pageau/N8PDF** and **Richard Bartel/no call**, were voted into the OVH unanimously. **Welcome to the Ole' Virginia Hams Wallace, Keith and Richard.**

WEEKLY NETS: **Ken/WB4ZOH** – Ken has served the Ole' Virginia Hams exceptionally well, acting as the OVH Thursday-night Net controller continuously since late 2001, **hosting 82 consecutive weekly Nets**. Ken brought a great radio voice plus a unique combination of good humor and serious discussion to the weekly OVH Net. Ken also innovated the weekly OVH Net by playing recorded and edited (within copyright laws) versions of the Amateur Radio News Line during the Net. Ken has also been very active in the Ole' Virginia Hams in many other ways, having **attended nearly all OVH monthly meetings** in recent years, and **participating in the OVH Hamfest and the OVH Field Day event**. Ken announced that **he needs to step down** as the weekly OVH Net controller. He suggested, and those present agreed, that several members should be the weekly net controllers on a rotating basis. Ken has also been very kind in **helping the OVH make the transition to a new set of net controllers**. **Ken will be missed**, and also fondly remembered, **as the regular OVH Thursday-night net controller**. **Thank you Ken for your generous support of the Ole' Virginia Hams.**

PACKET: **Bill/N4WJN** - Nothing new to report. Bill is **working on changing the OVH web page to a new server**. Bill might want to get a **small antenna party together for the packet antenna**.

Old Business:

Brian/N8FK - There is a **3-day MS walk** coming up. It will be **posted on the ARES website**.

Tom/WA2QAL - The **National Railway Historical Society** event was **very successful**. Though not able to operate DX, the amateurs involved were **able to make several local contacts from the train**. During one of the train excursions, **there was a real medical emergency** in which **cell phones were not successful** in contacting emergency personnel. However, **amateur radio operators were able to communicate and bring the needed medical attention to the passenger**. This is a real example where radio amateurs were able to help with an emergency where commercial forms of communication failed.

Bill/N4WJN - The **field day totals are on the website**, and Bill read the totals.

New Business

Bill/N4WJN - We can get access to the logging software that was used at Field Day. **This is a great program** for logging contest contacts. **If we get 10 people to sign up, we can get a discount on the software**. **N3FJP** writes the software.

Steve/N4OGR - The **club storage shed is filled with paper boxes used to store things**, and these **boxes are falling apart**. Steve requested that the club **spend up to \$60 for plastic storage boxes** to replace the cardboard boxes. **The motion passed.**

Break

ARES: David/KG4GIY - The **Marine Corps Marathon** is coming up, and we **need amateurs to volunteer** for that event. **More information will be forthcoming.** The **recent emergency drill was successful.**

David gave a talk on **ARES** and its importance for amateur radio and the public. There are two services: **ARES** and **RACES**. **RACES** is of importance for the federal government.

David stressed the value of **ARES** to the community. David also pointed out that the **primary reason that radio amateurs do not pay for their licenses and radio spectrum is that the United States government values our service in the event of emergencies.** It is **important that we continue to offer our services in the event of emergencies,** and David asked that **all of us that are able participate in ARES.**

One way that we can sell ourselves to the community is through training. **Thank you David for your presentation, and for your generous support of ARES.**

Bill/N4WJN won the **50/50 drawing.** The total amount collected was **\$25,** and \$12.50 went to Bill and \$12.50 went to the club.

The **meeting adjourned at 2125.**

Submitted by **Phil/AC4PL**

SUNSHINE CORNER

Thanks to **Ken/WB4ZOH,** who hosted the **Thursday Night Net** for a while -- great job!! Thanks also to **Karl/W4KRL,** who has assisted with the Thursday Night Net since Ken stepped down. We appreciate your helping out!

Congratulations to these **new members** voted into the club in July -- **Richard Bartel, Keith Pageau/N8PDH,** and **Wallace Johnson/KF4QQP. Welcome!**

Happy birthday to our fellow Hams born in August: **Karl/W4KRL, Ralph/W4OZO** (85 this year!!), **Jim/WA2QEJ, Roy/AC6JN, Jim/WD4OJY, Jeff/KC4RON, Charles/WA8YCK,** and **Harry/W4PVA.**

Speaking of **Harry/W4PVA,** he will be **coming home soon,** to his own home! As soon I hear he's home, I'll let folks know on the Thursday Night Net, and you'll be able to call or visit. Glad to know Harry is doing so well.

Lisa/KF4FJD has come home! **She's doing very well now,** and is home for ongoing therapy. Her speech is almost normal, she can walk short distances without help or somewhat longer with a walker, can stand and dress herself, and the double vision still comes and goes, but mostly goes. Thanks for all your support while she was in the hospital -- now call or visit her at home!

Stay cool and dry, if possible.

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

Haynie Urges More Letters to Potential Spectrum Bill Cosponsors



(Aug 12, 2003) -- ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, wants more members to urge their members of Congress to sign on as cosponsors of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act bills in the US House and Senate. The identical measures, an ARRL initiative, are on their third try in Congress. Noting that cosponsor counts have changed little over the past month and that some lawmakers he's contacted had not yet heard from constituents, Haynie encouraged more League members to take the effort to write, call or e-mail their representatives and senators to explain the bills' importance.

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International Space School Students Talk to the "Other" ISS



(Aug 8, 2003) -- Students at the International Space School spoke August 1 via ham radio to NASA ISS Science Officer Ed Lu, KC5WKJ, aboard the International Space Station and at the controls of onboard ham station NA1SS. The contact was arranged via the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. The students gathered at the University of Houston in Clear Lake, Texas, for the contact, and Lu answered a dozen questions during the 10-minute pass. In answer to one question, Lu said being on the ISS had not altered his views regarding the possibility of extraterrestrial life.

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ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration



(Aug 7, 2003) -- Registration for the ARRL Antenna Modeling (EC-004) course opens Monday, August 11, 12:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time (0401 UTC). Registration will remain open through Sunday, August 17. Class begins Tuesday afternoon, August 19. Those interested in taking an ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) course in the future can sign up to be advised via e-mail in advance of registration opportunities. To take advantage, send an e-mail to prereg@arrl.org. On the subject line, indicate the course name or number (eg, EC-00#) and the month you want to start the course. In the message body, provide your name, call sign, and e-mail address. Please do not send inquiries to this mailbox. 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 [Howard Robins, W1HSR](#).
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FCC grants extension of time to file reply comments



(Aug 8, 2003) -- As reported elsewhere, the FCC has granted an extension of time to file reply comments in the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) *Notice of Inquiry (NOI)*, ET Docket 03-104. On July 30, Southern LINC, Southern Telecom, and Southern Company Services Inc requested a 30-day extension of the reply comment period. "Southern states that an extension is necessary to provide sufficient time to analyze the large number of pleadings that have been filed, some of which, Southern states, were not immediately available after they were filed," the FCC said. "Southern urges the Commission to grant this request so that a full record can be developed in this proceeding." The FCC said that while it does not routinely grant time extensions in rulemaking proceedings it did so in this instance "because of the large number of filings received so far and the complexity of the subject." The short extension of the reply comment period will provide sufficient time for concerned parties to fully analyze the information submitted in the comments, the FCC said in extending the reply comment period to August 20.
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ARRL Emergency Communications Course registration



(Aug 8, 2003) -- Seats remain available for the Level I ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-001) that begins August 19 and is sponsored by the United Technologies Corporation. Registration closes Sunday, August 10, at 12:01 AM or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Registration opens Monday, August 11, 12:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time (0401 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the August 16-17 weekend or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Class begins Tuesday, August 26. Thanks to United Technologies Corporation, the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the Level II course. During this registration period, approximately 75 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. A new service now allows those interested in taking an ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) course in the future to receive advance word of registration opportunities via e-mail. To take advantage, send an e-mail to prereg@arrl.org. On the subject line, include the course name or number (eg, EC-00#). In the message body, include your name, call sign, e-mail address, and the month you want to start the course. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education ([C-CE](#)) Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager [Dan Miller, K3UFG](#), 860-594-0340.
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ARRL Contest Calendar

Date(s)	Contest	Links
August 16 - 17	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	Rules
September 13 - 15	ARRL September VHF QSO Party	Rules
20 - 21	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	Rules
October 18 - 19	ARRL International EME Competition	Rules
November 1 - 3	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)	
15 - 16	ARRL International EME Competition	Rules
15 - 17	ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)	
December 5 - 7	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	
13 - 14	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	

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Upcoming Virginia Exam Sessions

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06-Sep-2003

Sponsor: FREDERICKSBURG VE TEST TEAM

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: EDWARD A FORMAN
(540)439-0568

Email: EFORMAN@EROLS.COM

VEC: [W5YI VEC](#)

Location: SALEM CHURCH LIBRARY-MTG RM B
2607 SALEM CHURCH RD
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED
FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22407

13-Sep-2003

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:
2723 KING ST
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

14-Sep-2003

Sponsor: BEDFORD ARC

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JUDY S FRIEL
(434)525-6142

Email: BEEWOOD@JUNO.COM

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: BEDFORD CENTRAL LIBRARY
321 N BRIDGE ST
MEETING ROOM
BEDFORD, VA 24523

14-Sep-2003

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA

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

Contact: ALAN R MOECK
(540)869-1117

Email: WA2RPX@ARRL.NET

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: LORD FAIRFAX COMM COLLEGE
US ROUTE 11
PRE-REGISTRATION URGED
MIDDLETOWN, VA 22645

20-Sep-2003

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

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

Contact: CHARLES F CHRISTIAN
(276)565-1548

Email: AF4MUCFC@BELLATLANTIC.NET

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: PENNINGTON RESCUE SQUAD BLDG
200 N KENTUCKY ST
PENNINGTON GAP, VA 24277

21-Sep-2003

Sponsor: ROANOKE VE TEAM

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: RAYMOND W CRAMPTON
(540)992-2844

Email: RCRAM@RBNET.COM

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: AMERICAN RED CROSS
352 CHURCH AVE SW
ROANOKE, VA 24016

21-Sep-2003

Sponsor: AB4M

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

Contact: CHARLES L BEARD
(434)832-7651

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: CENTRAL VIRGINIA COMM COLLEGE
ROOM 2504 - AMHERST BLDG
3506 WARDS RD
LYNCHBURG, VA 24502

21-Sep-2003

Sponsor: VIRGINIA BEACH ARC

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN F ERRINGTON
(757)430-3948

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE
VA BEACH HAMFEST LOCATION
1584 WESLEYAN DR
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED
NORFOLK, VA 23502

Upcoming Maryland Exam Sessions

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Sponsor: BALTIMORE ARC
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 (410)247-0578
Email: N3WKE@ARRL.NET
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: BARC MTG & TRAINING FACILITY
 12360 OWINGS MILLS BLVD
 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
 MAY REGISTER FROM 1 TO 2 PM
 OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

13-Sep-2003

Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RC
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VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: AARC CLUBHOUSE
 DAVIDSONVILLE FAMILY REC CTR
 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
 MAY REGISTER FROM 12 NOON TO 1
 DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

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Sponsor: LAUREL ARC VEC
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VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
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 LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB
 PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
 LAUREL, MD 20707

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 WHITE MARSH, MD 21162

Upcoming Hamfests

Dates	Type	Event and Contact	Location
23-24 Aug 2003	*	West Virginia State Convention West Virginia State AR Council http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc Contact: Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY 1256 Ridge Drive South Charleston, WV 25309 Phone: 304-768-9534 Email: ka8zgy@arrl.net	Weston, WV Div: Roanoke Sect: West Virginia
30-31 Aug 2003	+	Shelby ARC http://shelbyhamfest.org Contact: John Ledford, W4JL 9555 Knob View Drive Vale, NC 28168 Phone: 704-462-4910 Email: w4jl@shelby.net	Shelby, NC Div: Roanoke Sect: North Carolina
20-21 Sep 2003	*	Virginia State Convention Tidewater Radio Conventions http://www.vahamfest.com Contact: Mr. Lynn Lilla, W9DJQ 848 Stacey Place Virginia Beach, VA 23464 Phone: 757-479-1597 Email: lynn.lilla@cox.net	Virginia Beach, VA Div: Roanoke Sect: Virginia

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- * = ARRL Convention
- ** = ARRL Convention pending Executive Committee approval
- + = ARRL Hamfest
- x = non-ARRL Hamfest