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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## SEPTEMBER 2001

**Next meeting: September 17, 2001**

**Committee Chairperson's!!!!**  
**Need your input for the Newsletter. The deadline for**  
**submissions is the 5th of each month.!!!**  
(Editor)

### **Message From the President**

#### **Greetings to All OVH Members:**

A friend of mine, an avid ham is looking for a single-family house. He wants a place where he can raise an antenna farm. And he's found some nice houses, except for one thing: they have homeowners associations and restrictions. He's still looking. People looking for apartments and townhouses face the same problems. I'm not going to discuss what I think of such things or the constitutionality of a property owner being subject to someone else's notions of what is permitted on his own property. (I'm sure you can guess my opinion.) But it did get me thinking.

The program for the September 17th meeting will be a discussion about stealth antennas. Let's find out what works and how well. Are there some unusual types and what is needed to make them effective? Are there safety concerns and power restrictions? What is the experience of the members or what can they dream up? Tuner vs no tuner? Is bandwidth a problem?

I look forward to hearing about the possibilities in dealing with a growing problem.

73, Jeff/N1SN

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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.

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## Minutes of the OVH Meeting 20 August 2001

The meeting was called to order at 2005 by President **Jeff Poulin/N1SN**.

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

The Treasurer's report and the past month's minutes were passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education: Bill Hinley/K4WRG** - December 9th confirmed for VE session (**N1SN**). **Class** scheduled to **start** on October 2nd through December 4th. Ten nights.

**Packet: Bill South/N4WJN** - Note went out about the system. Internet connection is scheduled to go down... but decided to leave it up - forwarding from the Internet to ham radio is currently down (DNS/forwarding problems). Emails are currently queuing until the system comes back on-line.

**Membership: Susan Poulin/K3SSP** - Three to read: **John Heartney/KG4NXT**, **James Hartselle/AF4QG**, **Robert Myers/K2TV**. Two to vote: **Ralph Brooks, Sr./W4OZO**, and **Thomas Podesak/WA2QAL**. Welcome to the OVH.

**ARES: David Lane/KG4GIY** - Bike Ride: See **Brian/KE4NFK**. **Marine Corps. Marathon**: Posted on the **PWC ARES Page**. **American Diabetes Walk**: October 14th

### **Old Business:**

**Jeff Poulin/N1SN** - Pay \$10 for the **Field Day logging software**. Moved, seconded and passed. **Field Day pins** are available. **Draft MOU** to the ARC. Still awaiting the ARC response.

**Special Event**: 341 QSOs, over 120 QSLs in response. Thanks to **David/WW4MM** for the picture. Thanks also to **John/N1EOD** for the use of the ARC truck.

**Mary-Lu/KB4EFP**: Did the club vote and send bake sale funds? No - next meeting item...

**Steve/N4OGR** is now heading up generator maintenance and support. Would like some backup. Please contact Steve if you would like to help him out.

### **New Business:**

**Jeff Poulin/N1SN** - **Keith Bennington/KM4AA** is stepping down as club VE coordinator, and **Bill/K4WRG** is becoming the new club VE coordinator. Bill is looking for anyone who is interested in becoming a VE, please contact him. We are pursuing an alliance with the **Laurel VEC**. More details to follow.

Jeff is looking to expand the base of experience within the club. Things like Historian and rotating the Thursday Night net as well as shifting the workload around.

**JOTA - October 20th**. **John/N4YOB** is heading up the effort. **New England QRP to the field** - November 14-15. September 22-23 is the **Virginia Beach Hamfest**. October 13 is the **SARA Hamfest**.

No banners on the Park Service properties.

...BREAK...

**Program** - Must have stuff for the shack.

**Bill Kilmer/WB4KFU** has been made an **Honorary Member** of the OVH, and his dues are waived in perpetuity.

Meeting dismissed 2137

## SUNSHINE CORNER

The Club's "best wishes", via a flower arrangement, were sent to **Pat McDermott, Jack/N4YIC's** wife, hoping to speed her recovery after surgery.

In other good news, **Butch/W4HJL** is out of the cast, able to walk on his foot, and is even back to work! Glad to hear that he healed so well!

**Congratulations** go to **Nick/KG4KFY**, who upgraded to **General** class, and **David/WW4MM**, who upgraded to **Extra** class. Good job, guys!

**Happy Birthday** to our friends and fellow Hams: **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**, **Robert Kelly IV** (no call yet), **Gus/N4MLE**, and **David/WW4MM**.

Remember to keep your eyes peeled for children in the streets -- as summer winds down, they want to stay out as late as they can! And enjoy the hobby, too!

**Thanks, and 73 de Jan KE4TMW**

## Remaining Items in Dick Miller's/ WD4AZG-SK Estate

Point of contact for all items: **Arthur Whittum/KW4AW**, 703.791.4330 (1900 - 2100 daily) or [kw4aw@ieee.org](mailto:kw4aw@ieee.org).

Item No.	Model Number	Description	Serial No.	Price
	IC-275H	ICOM 144 MHz All Mode Transceiver	01652	\$675.00
	HM-12	ICOM Microphone and pwr cable		p/o IC-275H
	????	Telegraph Key		\$2.00
	Archer	Dynamic headphones (8 ohm)		
	VoCom 2CO25-CHG	VHF Amplifier 2W/25W		\$35.00
	Kenwood TH22A	Handheld w/ antenna, PB-34 batt pack, auto charger cable, manual and SMC34 speaker-mike	60900488	\$140.00
	Kenwood TH22AT	Handheld w/antenna, PB-32 batt pack, wall charger and manual	60900490	\$140.00
	Mirage B-34	VHF Amplifier	none	\$35.00
	Astron RS- 4A	Astron 4 amp Power Supply	0	\$25.00
	Astron RS-7A	Astron 7 amp Power Supply	9506386	\$35.00
	Archer 273-1650	AC Adapter 3/4.5/6/7.5/9V 300 ma		\$8.00
	Larsen NM-MM	Larsen mag mount		\$20.00
	Larsen NM-150	Larsen VHF 5/8 w antenna		\$15.00
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	Rubber Duck	VHF antenna		offer?
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	DAIWA	Coaxial Switch A/B UHF fittings		\$18.00
	SPN4139A	DC Adapter 12 Vdc 300 ma		\$7.00
	GE RT9541 B	DC Adapter 6.0V @200 ma or 7.5V @100 ma		\$8.00
	ICOM BP-20	Clamshell battery pack for IC-02		offer?
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	Generic	Data Switch 1 X 4		\$5.00
	Generic	Data Switch 1 X 2 w/ RJ-11 adapters		\$5.00
	T-Bar	Data Switch 1 X 2		\$5.00
	Allied GD-30	KnightKit Grid Dip Oscillator		\$15.00
	Ten-Tec TW-24	Project box - Enclosure (New)		\$2.00

## **Books for Sale**

- The ARRL Operating Manual, Fourth Edition, Copyright 1991. All offers considered.
- The ARRL License Manual for Extra Class (Question Pool was 1996 - 2000). This is more like a "mini-Handbook" for the radio amateur. The technical information didn't change when the question pool was updated. All offers considered.

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## **FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER BECOMES MANDATORY IN DECEMBER**

Get ready (again) for the FRN! Although the FCC has slipped the deadline before, the Commission said this week that, starting December 3, 2001, everyone doing business with the FCC--licensed or not--must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number--or FRN. The FCC called the move "a first step" toward streamlining fee collection and tracking. Many amateurs registered with the Universal Licensing System (ULS) were assigned a 10-digit FRN by the Commission Registration System--or CORES--in a one-time cross-registration last year and notified by mail.

Details to implement CORES for the Amateur Service are still being worked out. Steve Linn of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau said just how CORES and ULS will work together remains up in the air. "CORES is not replacing the ULS database," he explained, "but there are a lot of questions as to how it is to be integrated." A final implementation with respect to Amateur Radio is "yet to be determined," he said. Under the most likely scenario, however, CORES registration will supplant ULS registration for those who do not already have an FRN.

Those without an FRN will be required to register and provide one before transacting business with the FCC, whether or not a fee is required. An individual does not have to hold an FCC license to obtain an FRN. The requirement to obtain one extends to applicants for an Amateur Radio license as well as to anyone required to pay a fee to the FCC, such as those applying for a vanity call sign. CORES registrants will be required to supply a Taxpayer Identification Number--or TIN--typically a Social Security Number (SSN) for an individual. The FCC says CORES information is not made public.

An FRN will not be needed to file comments in rulemaking proceedings. Filings that do require an FRN but don't include one will be rejected. The FCC has not yet proposed replacing the ULS Licensee Identification Number with an FRN; many amateurs already have both, and both numbers appear in FCC licensee records. The ULS continues to be available to new registrants.

The FCC began implementing CORES last year. The agency announced the adoption of its new CORES/FRN rules on August 31 and detailed the requirements in a Report and Order.

In its Order, the FCC sounded almost apologetic for imposing yet another set of numbers on licensees and applicants. "We realize that the manner in which our electronic systems have developed has results in a multiplicity of numbers, passwords and identifiers," the FCC conceded. The FCC said that once various electronic filing systems--such as ULS--incorporate CORES and FRN into their application process, "the need to maintain registration information in multiple systems will be eliminated."

The FCC said CORES makes provision for the registration of foreign nationals unable to obtain an SSN by providing the ability to register without one. The FCC has required that club stations obtain an assigned TIN when registering in the ULS. In an apparent about-face, the FCC's CORES Order states that unincorporated radio clubs registering in CORES should use the TIN/SSN of the license trustee. The ARRL has asked the FCC to clarify.

The on-line filing system and further information on CORES is available by visiting the FCC CORES Web page, <https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>. A copy of the FCC R&O is available on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2001/09/04/3/cores-ro.pdf>.