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Next meeting: November 17, 2003

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

(Editor)

Greetings to all OVH'ers,

Hope that everyone is enjoying the last bit of warm weather before the winter chill sets in. The next meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams will be on Monday, November 17th at 8 PM. We will be discussing a number of issues and it promises to be an interesting and informative meeting. As always if you have any ideas as far as technical topics and speakers for future meetings please get in touch with me. Hope that everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

73 for now,

Ruth/KU4WH

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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.

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@arri.net

Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation - 170

SUNSHINE CORNER

Condolences to **Milt/N4SN** in the death of his beloved wife, Marguerite, who died of a heart attack. We will miss her.

Congratulations to **Tom/WA2QAL**, who upgraded to General class. Good job!

Happy Birthday to our friends **Mike/N3NVF**, **Butch/W4HJL**, **Mark/WA4KFZ**, **Charlotte/KG4QXO**, **Theresa/KG4TVM**, **Gene/KD4RHC**, **Ken/KM4UH**, **Wayne/N7QLK**, and **Tom/WA2QAL**. Hope each has a great day!

Have a great November -- get out and do some Hamming!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

BPL Clearinghouse info now on OVH WEB

If you are a ham who is concerned about what BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) is, and how it will affect Amateur radio, SWL, emergency service, time standard and other HF reception, please go to <http://www.w4ovh.net/> and check the BPL Facts link on the main page.

If you know of any additional links that discuss BPL, please forward those in an e-mail to BPL@W4OVH.NET

Bill South/N4WJN/OVH WEBmaster

FCC Commissioner's Office Clarifies "Broadband Nirvana" Remarks



(Nov 13, 2003) -- The office of FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy has expressed regrets that her remarks in a September speech may have failed to make Abernathy's concerns sufficiently clear about potential interference from Broadband over Power Line (BPL).

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Electric Utility Reaches Out to North Carolina Hams on BPL



(Nov 12, 2003) -- Amateurs in southeastern North Carolina have gained the attention of an electric utility that's planning additional testing and possible deployment of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) Internet delivery. Wake County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Public Information Officer Gary Pearce, KN4AQ, reports Progress Energy initiated a dialogue with the amateur community in response to many calls and e-mails from concerned amateurs. He says technical personnel from Raleigh, North Carolina-based Progress Energy met recently with Amateur Radio representatives, and the company has promised to include Amateur Radio in its next testing phase, set to begin late this year or early next year in Wake County.

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In Brief



(Nov 12, 2003) -- AMSAT-NA president seeks support for ECHO launch; Contest Club Finland extends invitation to contesters, DXers; First US QSO above 400 GHz claimed; Former HQ staffer George Hart, W1NJM, turns 90; Ham radio statistician teases out data on Morse petition comments; Ham-Com announces 2004 chairman; Hams go on "Goblin Patrol" for Halloween; Jack Meehan, N6FJK, SK; Kentucky Section leaders lobby for PRB-1 declaration; Letha Dangerfield, W0OUD, SK; Morsum Magnificat to cease publication; New York City Marathon is old home week for SATERN volunteers; NT3V to chair Young Ham of the Year Award committee; Southern Florida Section adds 2-meter SSB net to ARES schedule; Two wildlife

tracking projects under way; Vote on QST Cover Plaque Award

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UO-14 Satellite Declared Dead



(Nov 11, 2003) -- The UO-14 satellite has been declared officially dead. The Mission Control Centre at the Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) Center for Satellite Engineering Research reports that the venerable and popular bird "has reached the end of its mission after nearly 14 years in orbit." Launched in 1990, UoSAT-OSCAR-14 pioneered the PACSAT communication concept as the first 9.6 kbps Amateur Radio data communications satellite, although it became best known in recent years as an FM "easy sat" repeater.

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ARISS Announces Roy Neal, K6DUE, ISS Commemorative Event



(Nov 11, 2003) -- The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) international team has announced an on-the-air event to commemorate Roy Neal, K6DUE, who died August 15. ARISS has requested that the ISS Expedition 8 crew of commander Mike Foale, KB5UAC, and Alex "Sasha" Kaleri, U8MIR, communicate from space with earthbound radio amateurs during the November 29-30 weekend. Those contacting the ISS by voice (NA1SS) or packet (RS0ISS) through the end of December will be eligible for a special anniversary event certificate.

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Spectrum Protection Act Cosponsor List Takes a Giant Step



(Nov 10, 2003) -- There's encouraging news from Washington this week. The list of House cosponsors for the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act, HR 713, has nearly reached 70. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says he's pleased with the progress over the three weeks since he'd expressed his frustration over the lack of cosponsors. Since mid-October, the list has grown by 17 representatives. The Senate version of the legislation, S 537, is holding at eight cosponsors.

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ARRL Emergency Communications Course registration



(Nov 7, 2003) -- Registration opens Monday, November 10, 12:01 AM Eastern Time (0501 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through the November 15-16 weekend or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Class begins Tuesday, November 25. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, approximately 50 seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in taking an ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (C-CE) course in the future can sign up to receive advance notification 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 ([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 Certification and Continuing Education course registration



(Nov 7, 2003) -- Registration for the ARRL Antenna Modeling (EC-004) course opens Monday, November 10th, 12:01 AM Eastern Time (0501 UTC). Registration will remain open through Sunday, November 16th. Class begins Tuesday, November 18th. 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.

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NWS/ARRL SKYWARN Recognition Day



(Nov 6, 2003) -- The fifth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day will take place Saturday, December 6, 2003, 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. During the special event, Amateur Radio operators visit National Weather Service (NWS) offices and contact other operators around the world. The purpose of the event is twofold: to recognize Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform during times of severe weather and to strengthen the bond between radio amateurs and their local NWS office. The event is cosponsored by the American Radio Relay League and the National Weather Service.

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ARRL Exam Session Search

This page will help you find a US amateur license exam session near you.

Database last updated on Thu 13-Nov-2003

29-Nov-2003

Sponsor: AERO ARC

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

Contact: PATRICIA E STONE

(410)687-7209

Email: AC3FAC3P@YAHOO.COM

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
2133 SANDPIPER CIRCLE
REGISTRATION @ 1:00 PM
WHITE MARSH, MD 21162

05-Dec-2003

Sponsor: DULLES ARG

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: MICHAEL E WEBER

(703)450-2304

Email: WB8RDN@ARRL.NET

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
21014 WHITFIELD PL
NEXT TO EAST LOUDOUN REG LIB
STERLING, VA 20165

06-Dec-2003

Sponsor: BALTIMORE ARC

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

Contact: LORENZ W SCHAEFER

(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

06-Dec-2003

Sponsor: ALBEMARLE ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: HARRY J DANNALS

(434)974-7388

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: UNIV OF VA
530 MCCORMICK RD
ASTRONOMY BLDG
COR MCCORMICK & ALDERMAN
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22904

07-Dec-2003

Sponsor: DCMARC

Time: 12:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: KENNETH L COURTNEY

(301)856-3005

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Location: PALMER PARK REC CENTER
7720 BARLOWE RD
PALMER PARK, MD 20785

07-Dec-2003

Sponsor: RAPPAHANNOCK VE GROUP

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

Contact: CURT R BARTHOLOMEW

(540)720-2392

Email: N3GQ@ARRL.NET

VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

Location: PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2001 PARKWAY BLVD
[HTTP://WWW.N4NW.ORG/EXAMS.HTM](http://www.n4nw.org/exams.htm)
STAFFORD, VA 22554

13-Dec-2003

Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RC
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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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: MOUNT VERNON ARC
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VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK IN REAR
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 & ATTACHED SCHOOL BUILDING
 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

13-Dec-2003

Sponsor: RICHMOND ARC/RAVE
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VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: J SARGEANT REYNOLDS COMM COLL
 1651 E PARHAM RD-BLDG B
 WWW.W4PW.ORG (TO REGISTER)
 RICHMOND, VA 23228

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Email: AF4CY@ARRL.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
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 MAIN STREET
 MADISON, VA 22727

13-Dec-2003

Sponsor: SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY VE TEAM
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
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VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)

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 CAROL@NFDC.NET
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 SHREWSBURY, PA 17361

13-Dec-2003

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Email: GENAUMAN@SHENTEL.NET
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Location: WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BLDG
 STATE ROUTE 42
 KN4FM@ARRL.NET (FREQ 145.130)
 SIGN-IN 9:00 AM
 DAYTON, VA 22821

14-Dec-2003

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA
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VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
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 US ROUTE 11
 PRE-REGISTRATION URGED
 MIDDLETOWN, VA 22645

04-Jan-2004

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 7720 BARLOWE RD
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Jamboree On The Air 2003

Manassas, Virginia's Urbanna Swim Club and the "Ole Virginia Hams" Amateur Radio Club recently co-hosted Scouts from Pack 1195 for "Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)," the annual worldwide Scouting and Amateur Radio event. Four complete temporary radio stations were established at the swim club, enabling area Scouts to communicate with some of the more than 400,000 other Scouts who participated from around the nation and around the globe.

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Below, John Heartney demonstrates how a Scout should operate one of the “voice” stations.



A steady stream of Scouts, parents, and others interested in Scouting and “Ham” radio visited the Urbanna swim club during the JOTA event, which is always held on the third weekend of October.



Above, Al Dugas utilizes a “hand key” to demonstrate how to operate a “Morse Code” station.

There was a station operating the exciting new “digital” modes of Ham radio, and another one demonstrating how a number of the area’s many Ham radio “Voice Repeaters” function.

Soft drinks were provided for the little kids and strong coffee for the big kids. It was also quite interesting to observe just how quickly a small mountain of good, freshly baked cookies could disappear.

A fun time was had by all who participated. Scouts and their leaders expressed their appreciation to the Urbanna Swim Club and the “Ole Virginia Hams” for providing this annual community service.