

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108  
Repeaters -- W4OVH -- 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+  
OVH Nodes -- Port 1: 145.030 Mhz; Port 2: 223.660 Mhz (SysOp Use Only)  
Port 3: 223.540 MHz; Port 4: 440.925Mhz 9600 Baud backbone  
BBS--BBSNVA/N3OH (SYSOP--BILL)  
<http://www.w4ovh.net>

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## NOVEMBER 2006

**Next meeting November 20, 2006**

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

(Editor)

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) was a big success. We had a large increase in the number of scouts attending. Thanks to Theresa, KG4TVM, for chairing the event and recruiting scouts at the Round Table with AL, KB4BHB. At Jota, the scouts were interested in Morse (by AL), QRP and Software Defined Radio by Wayne, AG4ZZ, and PSK by Dwight, AI4II as well as 2 meter FM and HF SSB by Ruth, KU4WH, Butch, W4HJL and myself. We also had the very much appreciated help of Craig, WA3UFY, Mary Lu, KB4EFP, Art, W1CRO and Joe KI4OHR. Theresa has Patches for each of the scouts attending and will distribute them at the next Scout Roundtable. She will bring a patch to the next OVH meeting so you can see it.

Please remember the new OVH meeting start time of 7:30 pm.

I have received overwhelming support for the way meetings have been conducted. Under the bylaws, I am "guided" by Roberts's rules of order. This means that the person running the OVH meeting can make exceptions to deal with special situations or special people. We are not going to be bogged down in legalisms or parliamentary procedure.

We have a very interesting program for next meeting. All hams have a hand held and many would like to work satellites. Mark, WA4KFZ, will speak on working satellites with a hand held. Mark had many satellite QSOs at our Battle of Bull Run special event in August. He also uses an arrow antenna.

Finally, as we look forward, I am happy to announce that Theresa and myself will again be hosting the OVH holiday party on December 16. It will again be a potluck dinner.

More details to come on the reflector.

73, John KG4NXT

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**Manassas, VA. 20108**

**OFFICERS**

President:	John Heartney	KG4NXT	257-3566
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Secretary:	Phil Colling	AC4PL	393-8658
Treasurer:	Bill South	N3OH	590-9562

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Don (Butch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
Art Whittum	W1CRO	791-4330
Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091

**WEEKLY NETS**

Thursdays — 8:00 PM	JOHN	257-3566
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**HAMFEST 2007**

TBA

**FIELD DAY 2007**

George	K4GVT	791-5956
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877

**CLUB ROSTER**

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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**EDUCATION**

Trisha	KI4PCM	335-1096
Brian	WC4J	257-9545

**CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

David Meola	KI4AZX	393-6681
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**ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

David Lane	KG4GIY	361-3042
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**F.A.R. REPS.**

Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877

**FINANCE**

Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Bill	N3OH	590-9562
Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Art	W1CRO	791-4330

**GENERATORS**

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Keith	KM4AA	909-1512

**HISTORIAN**

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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**HOME PAGE**

Bill	N3OH	590-9562
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**JOTA**

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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**LEGAL**

Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Joe Dobes	KI4OHR	369-2639
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**NEWSLETTER**

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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**NEWSLINE**

Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
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**PACKET**

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N3OH	590-9562

**PROGRAM'S**

TBA

**PUBLICITY**

Trisha	KI4PCM	335-1096
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**Q' MASTER**

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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**REPEATER CONTROLLERS**

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844

**REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
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**SCHOLARSHIP**

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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**SUNSHINE**

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N3OH	590.9562
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
George	K4GVT	791-7688
Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
Bob	K4HJF	335-1939

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 7:30PM 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kb4of@arri.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 – October 16, 2006

**John / KG4NXT** called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern Time.

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all present stated their names and call signs. There were **25 OVH members** and **one guest** present.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**John / KG4NXT** recently attended an ARRL section meeting. Glen Sage, our section manager, was there. This took place at the new Red Cross shelter. You need to have a background check before going to the shelter. Glenn also brought up the example of the Japan amateur radio association, which has gone from 1.1 million to 100 thousand members. ARRL is doing much better in terms of retaining membership, but we need to keep in mind that sustained high membership cannot be taken for granted. They feel that FCC will go “no code” at some point.

We have **JOTA** this weekend. **Theresa / KG4TVM** gave the details. It's at the Urbanna Swim Club on October 21. We are recruiting scouts and we have some promises. We need volunteers. We will have an antenna party on Friday at 9:30a.m. We have a flier posted in the scout leaders' mailbox, so the word has been spread. **Dwight / AI4II** noted that this is a great social event for the OVH as well as a great event for the scouts. **Al / KB4BHB** has submitted an application to become a merit badge counselor.

### **COMMITTEES**

The minutes of the September 2006 OVH meeting were approved.

**Bill / N3OH** read the **Treasurer's Report**.

**REPEATERS: Art / W1CRO** - All repeaters are working well for the most part. There has been some interference in the mornings. We may have to go to 100 Hz PL on 2 meters full time, but we realize there is still some older equipment that does not have PL capability.

**Joe / KI4OHR** noted that his daughter's school (**Cedar Park Elementary**) recently held a “space week” and had an astronaut give a presentation on living in space. Joe is going to send an application to have an event to have the students at the school contact the **International Space Station (ISS)** in May 2007. Joe will provide updates. **George / K4GVT** and **Mark / WA4KFZ** are well versed in satellite communication and have the proper equipment.

**EDUCATION: Brian / WC4J** – We have three students in the class and all is going well.

**PACKET: Bill / N3OH** - Bill's station is not working, but the OVH node is still working. Other stations are still working. The webpage server is working well. The 9600 baud node is working well.

**EMERGENCY COORDINATOR: David / KI4AZX** – There is a state-wide training drill on October 24 called “fowl play.” One purpose is to provide packet training. **David / KG4GIY** is coordinating this event. Volunteers are still needed for the Marine Corps Marathon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**John / KG4NXT** noted that there was some sentiment to start the monthly meeting earlier. The general consensus was to begin the meeting at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to begin the meeting at 7:30 p.m. beginning with the November 2006 meeting. The motion passed with just one dissenting vote.

A general discussion of possibly moving the meeting site took place, and several members volunteered to look into different sites.

**Steve Meade / KB4OF** had an operation last week to remove a brain tumor. We all wish Steve a speedy and full recovery.

Art/W1CRO won the 50/50 raffle. \$36 was collected, and Art donated his winning share back to the Club. Thank you Art.

The meeting adjourned at 2109 Eastern time.

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Condolences to **David/KI4AZX**, whose father died recently. Here is his obituary.

On October 8th, 2006, at the age of 75, the Lord called Lewis Meola to be with him. He is survived by his wife, Regina, of 53 years. He leaves behind a daughter, Karen Cerwinski, of New Canton, VA; two sons, Ronald and wife Maryann, of Englishtown, NJ; David and wife Erika, of Bristow, VA; a sister, Joanne Agliata and husband Jerry, of White Plains, NY; a brother, Anthony and wife Sandy, of South Plainfield, NJ. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Meola. Lewis served his country for 4 years in the United States Navy as a machinists mate 2nd class aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Waller (DDE-466) during the Korean War. He received the United Nations Service Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal (Asiatic Clasp), the Korean Service Medal, as well as the Good Conduct Medal. Lewis worked for Bell Laboratories in the Research and Development department for the semiconductor, the Trans-Atlantic Communications cable, and the Telstar Communications Satellite. After leaving Bell Laboratories, he started his own business, Rampart of Hunterdon Security Systems, installing residential and commercial burglar and fire alarm systems. After 25 years in the business, he retired in 2001 and moved to Virginia. Crematory arrangements will be made by Colbert Funeral Home, of Bremo Bluff, VA. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations be made to the Toga Fire Department, 177 Mt. Rush Highway, Dillwyn, VA 23936 (434)-969-4444.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Steve/KB4OF**, our fine editor, who is home from the hospital after surgery. We hope to see you again soon!

Happy Birthday to our friends and fellows Hams: **Mike/N3NVF**, **Butch/W4HJL**, **Charlotte/KG4QXO**, **Charlie/WA4YGI**, **Theresa/KG4TVM**, **Gene/KD4RHC**, **Ken/KM4UH**, **Tom/WA2QAL**, and **Joe/AB4QV**. Hope each of you has a great day!

There are a number of members for whom I don't know the birth month. If you'd like your birthday celebrated here, please drop me a line with your birth month, so I may update my records. Thanks! And as always, please let me know when there is good news or bad news in your lives -- it doesn't have to be ham-related!

A sincere thank you to our fellow Hams who are also veterans. We appreciate your service to our country.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and give thanks for our Club, our members, and our country.

73 de **Jan/KE4TMW**

## ARRL W1AW WINTER OPERATING SCHEDULE

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB022  
ARLB022 W1AW 2006/2007 Winter Operating Schedule

ZCZC AG22  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 22 ARLB022  
>From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT October 30, 2006  
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB022  
ARLB022 W1AW 2006/2007 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)

1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri

2100 " " CWs Tue, Thu

2200 " (5 PM EST) CWb Daily

2300 " (6 PM EST) RTTY Daily

0000 " (7 PM EST) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri

0000 " " CWf Tue, Thu

0100 " (8 PM EST) CWb Daily

0200 " (9 PM EST) RTTY Daily

0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily

0300 " (10 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri

0300 " " CWs Tue, Thu

0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

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CW: 1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555

RTTY: - 3.625 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555

VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

**Notes:**

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW Bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud).

ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 102 in the November 2006 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html> .

## ARRL Exam Session Search

Downloaded from ARRL Web Site

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

### **28-Nov-2006**

**Sponsor:** MARYLAND MOBILEERS

**Time:** 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** HAROLD L NICHOLS

(410)757-0493

**Email:** [WB4OGP@CABLESPEED.COM](mailto:WB4OGP@CABLESPEED.COM)

**VEC:** [Laurel VEC](#)

**Location:** HISTORIC ELECTRONICS MUSEUM

WEST NURSERY ROAD

NEAR MARRIOTT HOTEL

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

### **02-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** BALTIMORE ARC

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

**Contact:** LORENZ W SCHAEFER

(410)247-0578

**Email:** [N3WKE@ARRL.NET](mailto: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

### **02-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** MASSANUTTEN ARA

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

**Contact:** GAYLE L SHULL

(540)828-2132

**Email:** [GSKUXN@MSN.COM](mailto:GSKUXN@MSN.COM)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)

**Location:** WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BLDG

STATE ROUTE 42

KN4FM@ARRL.NET (FREQ 145.130)

TEL: 540-434-0859 (KN4FM)

DAYTON, VA 22821

### **09-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** ANNE ARUNDEL RADIO CLUB

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

**Contact:** ROBERT L ROSE

(410)437-8193

**Email:** [AA3RR@KI3DS.ORG](mailto:AA3RR@KI3DS.ORG)

**VEC:** [Laurel VEC](#)

**Location:** DAVIDSON FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

3789 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE RD

WWW.W3VPR.ORG

REGISTRATION STARTS @ NOON

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

### **09-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** MOUNT VERNON ARC

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

**Contact:** JOHN L FORREST

(703)971-3905

**Email:** [WZ4A@ARRL.NET](mailto:WZ4A@ARRL.NET)

**VEC:** [Laurel VEC](#)

**Location:** FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK IN REAR

2723 KING ST

DOOR@INTERSECTION OF CHURCH

& ATTACHED SCHOOL BUILDING

ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

### **09-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** RICHMOND ARC/RAVE

**Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** PATRICK WILSON

(804)932-9424

**Email:** [W4PW@COX.NET](mailto:W4PW@COX.NET)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)

**Location:** [HTTP://WWW.CO.HENRICO.VA.US/LIBRARY/NP.HTM](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/library/np.htm)

8508 FRANCONIA RD

NORTH PARK BRANCH LIBRARY

WWW.W4PW.ORG

RICHMOND, VA 23227

### **09-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** SOUTHERN PA COMM GROUP VE TEAM

**Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

**Contact:** CAROL KIRSCHMAN

(717)235-0273

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)

**Location:** SHREWSBURY BOROUGH HALL

35 W RAILROAD AVE

CAROL@NFDC.NET

KC6GMN@NFDC.NET

SHREWSBURY, PA 17361

### **10-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** WARS & NSDXA

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

**Contact:** ALAN R MOECK

(540)869-1117

**Email:** [WA2RPX@ARRL.NET](mailto:WA2RPX@ARRL.NET)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)

**Location:** TIMBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

231 E PICCADILLY ST

PRE-REGISTRATION URGED

WINCHESTER, VA 22601

### **10-Dec-2006**

**Sponsor:** RAPPAHANNOCK VE GROUP

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

**Contact:** CURT R BARTHOLOMEW

(540)720-2392

**Email:** [N3GQ@MSN.COM](mailto:N3GQ@MSN.COM)

**VEC:** [ARRL/VEC](#)

**Location:** PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2001 PARKWAY BLVD

WWW.WW4VA.ORG

WALK-INS ONLY!

**American Red Cross Clarifies Background Check Policy** (Nov 10, 2006) -- The American Red Cross (ARC) has attempted to clarify its policy to require background checks of its employees and volunteers, at least as far as the policy applies to possible credit checks. After the ARC announced the policy in July through regional and local chapters, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members who support Red Cross disaster relief and recovery efforts began expressing concerns to ARRL. In some past incidents -- most notably the 2001 World Trade Center terror attacks and the 2005 Hurricane Katrina response -- ARES volunteers have had to badge in as Red Cross volunteers. In a statement to the ARRL November 9, Laura Howe, the ARC's director of response communication and marketing, stressed that, while background check applicants must give permission to conduct a credit check, the ARC has no intention of conducting them across the board.



**Plenipotentiary Delegates Elect Amateur Radio-Friendly ITU Secretary-General** (Nov 10, 2006) -- Member states of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) attending the 17th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, have elected Hamadoun I. Touré of Mali as Secretary-General of ITU for a four-year term. Touré topped a field of six candidates to succeed Japan's Yoshio Utsumi, who cannot run for another term. International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) President Larry Price, W4RA, says the ITU member states chose wisely in their selection of Touré.

**Feature: Youth@HamRadio.Fun: Youth, Youth Everywhere . . .** (Nov 10, 2006) -- Find out about all the places ham radio's youth have been lately. Several young radio amateurs have received awards, some attended a hamfest and others participated in the 2006 Jamboree on the Air!



**ARRL 500 kHz Experiment Kicking into High Gear** (Nov 10, 2006) -- The group of Amateur Radio operators researching the radio spectrum in the vicinity of 500 kHz already have recorded a few successes. The 500 KC Experimental Group for Amateur Radio is operating under Part 5 experimental license WD2XSH, which the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology granted September 13 to the ARRL. Project manager Fritz Raab, W1FR, says WD2XSH participants have been heard across both the Atlantic and the Pacific as well as all around the US.