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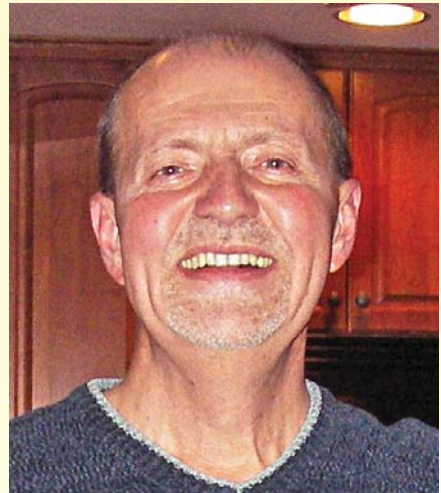
February 2012

Next Meeting: Monday, February 20, 2012

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings, hope you all are well and staying warm!

On January 28th and 29th, the club participated in the 2012 Winter Field Day event. Unlike past several years, there was no snow this year. As in past years, the Red Cross provided equipment like generators, pneumatic mast and the truck to which it was mounted, mobile kitchen, setup personnel and the most important a "heated" tent - many thanks to Gary / WG4ARC for arranging the equipment and support from the Red Cross. This event provided good practice for the Red Cross folks as our club members. No army can march on an empty stomach: Patty / KI4FQF and Theresa / KG4TVM manned (womanned?) the mobile kitchen and provided the needed fuel for our group.



Of course, thanks too to all the other volunteers that made this event possible. Special thanks to Joe / KI4OHR for coordinating the event; with that said, Joe advised he will not be able to dedicate the time for the Winter Field Day event next year for the event so we will be looking for someone else to chair the Winter Field Day 2013 event next January.

This is the perfect lead in to the upcoming OVH February meeting on February 20th at which elections for officers will be held. We still have two officer positions open for those that would like to run: Vice President and Secretary. If these positions are not for you, we are also looking to fill several committee positions as well. In order to vote at the upcoming meeting, your dues need to be current (i.e., paid) for the calendar year 2013. If they are not current yet, please print out the membership renewal form at w4ovh.net, fill it out and bring it to the meeting with your check or cash for the \$10.00 dues renewal.

Look forward to seeing you all at the February 20th meeting.

73 George K4GVT

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OFFICERS

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FIELD DAY 2012

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NEWSLETTER

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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PACKET

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Bill	N4SV	590-9562

PROGRAMS

TBA

WINTER FIELD DAY 2011

Joe	KI4OHR	369-2639
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Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435
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SUNSHINE

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Keith	KM4AA	909-1512

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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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Sunshine Corner:

Happy birthday wishes this month to Roland / WB4NWG, Patty / KI4FQF and Art / W1CRO.

Welcome back as an active OVH member again to Stuart / W4PR; also, welcome to new member Simon / KB3QOA.

Best wishes to Evelyn (XYL of George / K4GVT) for recover from recent surgery.

George / K4GVT received recognition at the January meeting for his many contributions to ARES and ham radio generally when David / KG4GIY presented George with a plaque which expresses appreciation for his work. See picture to the right.

The club had a very successful Winter Field Day event on January 28th and 29th with about 90 contacts on three bands. George/K4GVT has posted many pictures from the event at <http://www.k4gvt.com/ovh/WFD2012>; As you can see, most of the pictures were taken during the setup phase; if all of the pictures are studied, they show details of the step by step procedures for setting up the Red Cross tent and its related systems. A few of George's pictures appear later in this Newsletter. For the future, we need more volunteer photographers to get photos during operations after setup is completed!



The OVH club still has other committee chair openings and now would be a great time to volunteer for Publicity, Membership and Sunshine Corner.

For now, please continue to send your news / comments to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or by telephone to 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting January 16, 2012:

George / K4GVT called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 32 OVH members and 1 guest.

No Program this month.

George / K4GVT reminded everyone that elections are in February and we need club members to fill the Secretary and Vice President positions.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the December meeting were amended to show Ron KK4DCZ was voted in, approved with correction

Treasurer's Report by Gary / WG4ARC, approved as presented

Membership – Steve / N0DWB presented the application of Simon / KB3QOA.

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ARES – David / KG4GIY let us know that there is an ARES meeting this Saturday, digital modes and the first drill will be discussed; first drill is 1/27/12 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the area hospitals; operations will be on the air approximately 2 hours; PWC, Manassas Park & Manassas will be having meetings for emergency support thru out the year; City of Manassas wants to sign an MOU and it should be final later this year; David presented George / K4GVT with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions to ARES, the OVH and amateur radio generally.

Repeaters – Keith / KM4AA reported that everything is running; antennas didn't get replaced in 2011, will be done in 2012 and the controller will need to be replaced this year; George / K4GVT is changing out the duplexer on the 97 machine, it's coming from Washington State and he is trying to meet the deadline for the DSTAR repeater.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ has started another Tech class and currently has 13 students; David / KG4GIY made a motion to offer membership to the licensed graduates of our Tech classes for the duration of the calendar year in which they are voted in following the standard membership process. This motion passed with 1 opposed.

Hamfest – Bruce / AB8CI held a meeting in January and thanked everyone that attended; will hold another meeting in February; tables & chairs are ordered; George / K4GVT or Gary / WG4ARC will pick up the fairgrounds contract; flyer is being printed; George / K4GVT is meeting with HRO on the promotion of hamfest.

Field Day – Randy / WB7RAV reported no news yet.

Winter Field Day – Joe / KI4OHR is hoping for snow on January 28th & 29th; setup is 9 am, tear down will be between 10 & 11 am on Sunday; he will have 2 workings stations on the air starting at noon on Saturday.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM announced the birthdays for the month.

Web Committee – Paul / W4ZB told us that it will be another month or so for the transition of the web site. No problems with the existing web site.

Old Business – Art / W1CRO investigated our insurance coverage and found that it only covers 3rd party claims, members would need to use their own insurance coverage for any incidents; Al / KB4BHB announced that he will not chair the special event in August this year.

Raffle – Some prizes were unclaimed from Hamfest and they were raffled off to the club members attending the meeting.

BREAK

New Business – David / KG4GIY informed us of certain change by Google for the reflector system, you will now need to receive an Invitation via email and you will need to accept the invitation to be added to the reflector, also you need to be a club member in good standing; Art / W1CRO reminded us that if your dues aren't paid by the end of March you will go to inactive status.

Gary / WG4ARC reminded everyone to pay their dues, to be able to vote next month you need to be paid in full; Patty / KI4FQF will be at the February meeting to do new ID cards.

Art / W1CRO let us know that the Club's Constitution and By-Laws are on the web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Sunday, February 26, 2012, Winterfest - Vienna Wireless at NVCC in Annandale, Virginia, more information at <http://viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - Sunday, March 11, 2012 - Charlotte (NC) Hamfest - Roanoke Division hamfest, more information at <http://www.w4bfb.org/hamfest2012/hamfest.html>

Saturday, March 31, 2012, Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, Maryland. More info at <http://gbhc.org>

Friday, May 18, 2012 - Sunday, May 20, 2012, Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. More information at <http://hamvention.com>

Sunday, June 10, 2012 - Manassas Hamfest, Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, Virginia. More information at <http://w4ovh.net> and <http://manassashamfest.org>

SPECIAL OPERATING EVENTS AND CONTESTS

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

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. Note: updated and complete direct contact information for David now appears on page 2 of the Newsletter.

Spotlight on OVH Members

The OVH active membership currently is about 75-85. Over the past two years we have added a number of new members. So to try and reintroduce some of the older members and bring attention to the new members, the OVH Club Historian, Theresa / KG4TVM is starting a Club Member Spotlight column with this newsletter and going forward. The information in the Spotlight is provided by the club member in response to a questionnaire provided to them. We do have several married couples in the club so in the spirit of Valentines' Day, we will have the first spotlight on one of our married couples!

Steve / N4OGR has been a member of the OVH since 1986, the same year he received his ticket. He is also a member of NVFMA. Jan / KE4TMW became a ham and joined the club in November of 1994.

How did they become interested in ham radio?

Jan: I got interested in Ham radio through Steve's influence. I attended a Field Day as a guest and was able to talk across the country and to other countries! That was so cool, that I wanted to learn about the hobby. I also wanted to be able to talk to Steve easily (before the time when cell phones were so prevalent) when he was on a job. So I took an OVH class for no-code techs.

Steve: I got my start in CB radio back when you could actually carry on a conversation with someone in an intelligent and peaceful manner. As time went on, my friends migrated to Ham radio and so did I, and have enjoyed it ever since! As for Elmer's, Harry W4PVA (SK) Elmered me some, as well as Art W1CRO.

Steve & Jan have a variety of ham equipment which includes HT's and a



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mobile unit, they access VHF, HF, 6 meters, 2 meters, 220 MHz FM and 440 MHz.

Steve was club Treasurer for multiple years and Vice President for one year. He currently is one of the repeater control operators and he is the Quartermaster. He also reports at club meetings on events with the Prince William County ARES and is an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for ARES. Jan held court in the Sunshine Corner for many years, providing updates on the birthdays and accomplishments of club members.

Steve and Jan participate in National Night Out, Field Day, Manassas Hamfest, VHF contests, MS 150 bike rides, MS walks and various ARES activities throughout the year. They also coordinate with the club and Manassas Park Police Department to ensure the Parade of Lights is run smoothly in December.

It's not surprising to me that Field Day is one of their favorite ham activities. Steve is usually one of the first to arrive on site for setup and Jan enjoys getting on the air to help collect points for the club.

If you would like to talk ham radio with Steve & Jan, you can reach them via email at n4ogr@arrl.net or ke4tmw@arrl.net or catch them on the air!

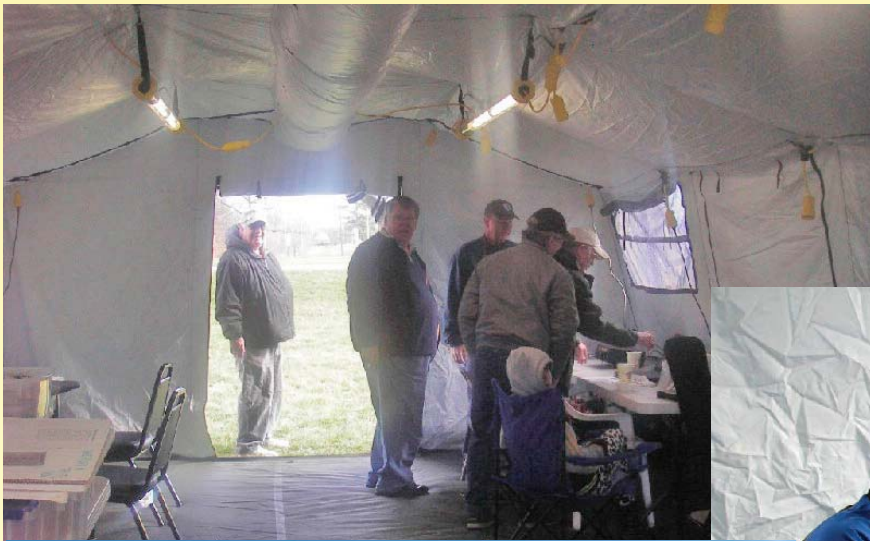
I would like to thank Steve & Jan for being our first club spotlight; the OVH is a better club for having them as members!

Some Pictures from the OVH January 2012 Winter Field Day Event



Short summary - Winter Field Day by Keith/KM4AA: no snow this year, we made 91 contacts using mostly two bands, 40 and 20 meters, 3273 points total. Special thanks to our operators: Wayne/N7QLK, John/WA1STU, Joe/KI4OHR, KJ4WMV, John/KG4NXT, David/KD4DEE, Steve/N4OGR, Bill/KJ4VTH and Clarence/K4CNM. Thanks as well to the Red Cross for great support provided, both personnel and equipment. I don't have a list of all those other OVH members who assisted with setup and tear down; there were many but some had limited time and did not operate. Thanks to you as well. Then we can't forget Joe/KI4OHR, who organized and led the event.

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Flash Update: FCC to nix LightSquared Approval!

From WSJ.com, February 15, 2012 - Amy Schatz:- Start-Up's Network Rejected; GPS Cited

Federal regulators said they plan to pull the plug on wireless start-up LightSquared Inc.'s proposal to build a new national wireless network after officials said there was no way to prevent the network from interfering with Global Positioning System devices.

The decision late Tuesday represented a serious blow to LightSquared and its chief financial backer, hedge-fund manager Philip Falcone, who has poured billions of dollars into the venture.

LightSquared said it "profoundly disagrees" with the conclusion that its network would interfere with GPS devices. Those judgments disregard "more than a decade of regulatory orders, and in doing so, jeopardize private enterprise, jobs and investment in America's future," the company said in a statement.

In a letter to the Federal Communications Commission, the Commerce Department said there was "no practical way to mitigate the potential interference at this time."

Shortly after receiving that letter, the FCC issued a statement saying it planned to reject LightSquared's application to build its network because of the GPS concerns. The FCC said it was proposing to revoke a conditional approval it gave to LightSquared last year.

While the FCC's move is subject to public comment and could be appealed to the agency's commissioners, the unanimity among the federal agencies left little room for LightSquared to maneuver.

The company and Mr. Falcone didn't immediately respond to requests for comment on the FCC's decision.

A spokesman for Mr. Falcone's Harbinger Capital said he had no immediate comment.

Mr. Falcone rose to prominence in 2007 with lucrative bets against subprime mortgages. More recently, he has been beset by steep losses at his hedge funds and regulatory probes.

The biggest fund at Harbinger Capital lost 47% last year after a write-down on its LightSquared investments, a spokesman for the fund has said. The Securities and

Exchange Commission has been scrutinizing his hedge-fund business on three fronts, including an inquiry into possible market manipulation, according to regulatory filings.

In December, a filing by a Harbinger affiliate said Mr. Falcone and two senior executives had been warned by the SEC that they could face civil-fraud charges.

Harbinger, in a filing at the time, said it was "disappointed," and if the SEC decides to bring an enforcement action, it intends to "vigorously defend against it."

LightSquared's plan was to act as a telecommunications wholesaler, selling use of its network to wireless companies and others who in turn sell high-speed Internet service to the public. The plan drew complaints from GPS users including the military and farmers. They said the new network could overwhelm GPS signals, which use nearby frequencies, and knock out service.

LightSquared received conditional FCC approval in early 2011 and said the technical issues could be resolved. But as the year went on, the company took one battering in Washington after another, as the Defense Department and other agencies amplified the interference concerns.

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa piled on with an investigation into the FCC's initial decision to grant conditional approval. Mr. Grassley placed holds on two nominees for the FCC's board to protest the agency's unwillingness to provide internal documents about its decision.

The company said Tuesday it remained "committed to finding a resolution with the federal government and the GPS industry to resolve all remaining concerns."

LightSquared says the problem is with GPS receivers, which are too sensitive and listen outside of the GPS boundaries. The company has threatened legal action against the government if it doesn't get approval. But it is unclear if the start-up has enough funding to withstand a protracted legal battle. LightSquared officials said last month that they had enough funding to last several quarters.

Additional Notes about FCC / LightSquared:

This is great news and is the proper result, but why did it take the FCC so long to do this? And why did the FCC bypass its own procedures and precedents and grant LightSquared approval on an expedited basis in the first place - without supporting studies from its technical and engineering staff? The FCC certainly has not answered these questions. Take a look at the FCC's 2/14/2012 Press Release announcing its "new" position in exquisite bureaucratese: http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0215/DOC-312479A1.pdf The FCC's actions have been so unusual that it has been inundated with FOIA requests and has created a special archive for the request/response materials (currently about 300 Mb): <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/lightsquared-foia>

RE M I N D E R



Renew your OVH membership now!

Yes, it is that time of year again!!!!
Below is the 2012 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below or drop off at a meeting.

Be sure to update all information, especially e-mail address, telephone number(s) and 9 digit ZIP

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ADDRESS: _____

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ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)
MAY YOUR TELEPHONE NOS. BE LISTED IN THE "Members Only" OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

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FEATURING

**License Exams
On Saturday
February 25th!**

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Sunday, February 26, 2012

**Northern Virginia Community College
Annandale Campus
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA**

Indoor Exhibit Area Opens to Public at 8AM

\$6.00 per person

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Gates open at 6 AM
Ample Room—25 acres
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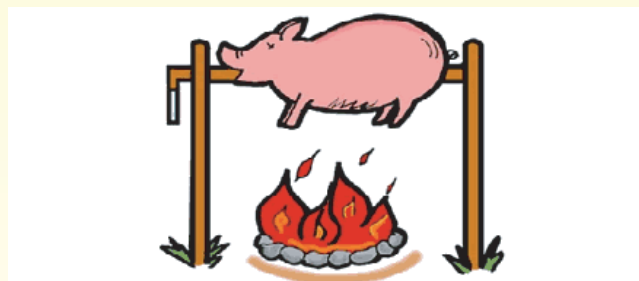
VE TESTING — Contact David, KG4GIY (kg4giy@arrl.net) for more details

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly beginning at 9 AM for those present
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM
(Winner MUST be present during drawing)

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- Virginia Section Manager's Forum
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- "Virginia QSO Party" Awards Ceremony



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