

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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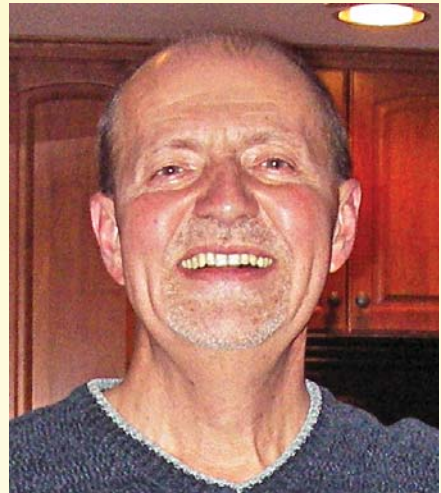
December 2012

Next Meeting: Monday, December 17, 2012

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all, first let me wish everyone and their families a wonderful Holiday season.

Again, the OVH has had a very busy month this December. OVH actively participated and provided communications during two local parades: first, the City of Manassas Christmas Parade on December 1st and then the Manassas Park Parade of Lights on December 8th. Thanks to all who volunteered. Without your help we couldn't have been successful. During these events the OVH played a key roll in providing communications and personnel to monitor traffic and keep the public safe. In both instances we were commended for doing a great job. This type of positive exposure for OVH is very important. I hope that more of us will participate in such events in the future.



The OVH Annual Year End Holiday Party on December 9th was also a success. Special thanks are due to Theresa / KG4TVM and Gary / WG4ARC for arranging and coordinating that event, well done!

I wish to mention another concern which has been on my mind for some time: certain other organizations are getting into also providing communications for public events, a development which, in my opinion, could place the OVH and utility of Ham radio on the "back burner" which is not where we should be. Simply consider, why do they need Ham radio volunteers for communications if other volunteer services are providing the same or possibly even better service because "they can do a better job, they have better equipment and/or they are certified." Although other volunteer organizations can provide useful communications services too, none have all of our capabilities and they will supplant us only if we allow that to happen. One approach which we should consider is to urge these other providers of communications services to become Hams, giving them and us opportunities for joint coverage of events and increasing the Ham population. Please consider volunteering or volunteering again the next time OVH members

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FIELD DAY 2013

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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

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PROGRAMS

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WINTER FIELD DAY 2013

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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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are asked to participate for, without your continuing support, we may fade into the background.

Terry / KC4DV has again been very much on top of leading the preparation for the next Manassas Hamfest which will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2013 for the 39th time! The second meeting of the Hamfest Committee was held on December 5th and was well attended. Any member may attend these meetings - check your email from the OVH's closed email reflector for more information.

As we approach year end, I must remind everyone that it is time for renewal of your OVH club membership for the next year, 2013. Renewal Forms for updating your information and transmitting your renewal dues are posted on the W4OVH.NET web site under Membership Application; to make this very easy for you to do NOW, a renewal form is included later in this newsletter. Print out the form, fill it in, and then mail it in or bring it to the next meeting.

I hope all can attend the upcoming OVH meeting on Monday, December 17th at 7:30 PM and that all will have a wonderful Christmas and Holidays!

73 George K4GVT

Sunshine Corner:

Birthdays during December - Clarence / K4CNM, Jim / KF4WSN, Ross / N4RP, Dianne / KI4FVV, Bill / N4SV, Charles / WA1FFX and George / N4XSL.

Many OVH members participated in providing communications during the Manassas Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1st. Pictures from that event are posted at <http://k4gvt.com/ovh/Manassas%20City%20Christmas%20Parade%202012> ; some of them appear later in this Newsletter. Thanks to all who volunteered for that event.

Many OVH members also participated in providing communications during the Manassas Park Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 8th. A few pictures from event that are posted at <http://k4gvt.com/ovh/ManassasParkChristmasParade2012> Thanks too to all who volunteered!

OVH's Year End Holiday / Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 9th at the Yorkshire Restaurant. There was a very good turn out, and we had an opportunity to socialize with other members, friends and family. Some pictures appear later in this Newsletter and more are posted online at http://k4gvt.com/ovh/OVH_Holiday_Party_2012

A very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone!

The Sunshine Corner column is very short again this month; a replacement is needed for me and I will assist with the transition.

Until someone steps forward as a replacement, 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 November 19, 2012:

George / K4GVT called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on November 19, 2012. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

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Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 24 OVH members and 4 guests.

Theresa / KG4TVM announced the OVH Holiday Party information for the December 9th party.
Program / Demonstration by Mark / WA4KFZ of low cost SDR (software defined radio).

Gary / WG4ARC announced that the finance committee has discussed and recommended an increase - for the first time since the 1970's - of dues to \$20 annually, with one-half of that amount for additional family members living at the same address, and prorated to one-half beginning July 1st of each year, motion made to increase the dues to \$20 per individual, \$10 for each additional family member at the same address, \$10 for full time and undergraduate students and one-half the full year amount for anyone joining after July 1st, approved by 17, with 3 votes against.

Gary also announced that a portal will be put on the Internet to supply information to members a link will be sent out at a later date.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the October meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – by Gary / WG4ARC approved as read.

Membership – Terry / KC4DV read in Lillian Diamond, no call sign yet (now KK4MXY); and presented Susan / N4AAH and John / WA1STU for vote, both approved as new members.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ finish a very successful Tech class and will hold a General class in the spring; in December he will be going to the Civil Air Patrol in Leesburg to teach a class.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV held a planning meeting on Nov 7th; George / K4GVT showed the group a new format for the 2013 Hamfest flyer; next hamfest planning meeting will be on December 5th; the 2013 Hamfest information has been sent to the ARRL.

Field Day – Randy / WB7RAV is still waiting for word back on the site for the June 2013 Field Day, he will post on the reflector when he has a meeting scheduled.

W4OVH.NET Web Site – Paul / W4ZB will post the new Hamfest flyer and other new Hamfest information on the club web site as soon as he receives it. The new Membership renewal form will also be posted within a week. Anyone who wants anything else specific, announcements, etc. to be posted on the web site, please send it preferably via email or otherwise contact him.

JOTA – Scott / KB8NUM gave a report on the successful JOTA event in October and has volunteered to chair JOTA next year.

Randy / WB7RAV had the Civil Air Patrol truck in the parking lot behind the Red Cross and invited everyone to view the radio equipment in it at the break; he will be testing antennas over the next few months for the truck.

BREAK

Old Business – Al / KB4BHB announced that this coming Sunday will be the last Mini Tri of the season, next year there will be five Mini Tri events; George / K4GVT reminded everyone of the Manassas Christmass Parade on Dec 1st; he will email more information to all OVH members on the OVH email reflector; Steve / N4OGR requested help with the Manassas Park Lights Parade on Dec 8th; Terry / WA5NTI asked if we have an Elmer program, he volunteered to chair one.

50/50 – Terry KC4DV won \$12.50.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, February 2, 2013 - Richmond Frostfest, Richmond, Virginia. See the Frostfest flyer later in this newsletter and more details at <http://frostfest.com>

Sunday, February 24, 2013 - Winterfest, Vienna Wireless, at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, Virginia. See the Winterfest flyer later in this newsletter.

Saturday, April 6, 2013 - Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computerfest, Timonium, Maryland. See <http://gbhc.org> for more information.

Friday - Sunday, May 17 - 19, 2013, Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. For full details, go to <http://hamvention.org>

Sunday, June 9, 2013 - The Manassas Hamfest will be put on by the OVH for the 39th time. Reserve this date. More information will follow.

OPERATING EVENTS AND CONTESTS

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 - ARRL Straight Key Night. See <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night> for full details.

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

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. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

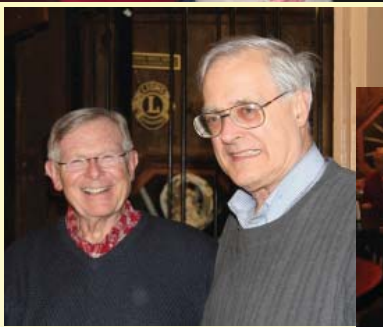
Reminders to each OVH Member:

1. This is the time to renew your OVH memberships for 2013. To make this easy, a copy of the renewal form is included later in this Newsletter - print it out, fill it in with updated information, and mail it in with your renewal dues (or bring it to the December 17th meeting). Do it now!
2. Please check your email address as posted on the OVH Members web page at the OVH's web site at W4OVH.NET. If your correct email address is not listed there, please be sure to send the correct address to Art / W1CRO and to Paul / W4ZB so it can be corrected in the Club's master database and in the listing on the web site.
3. Please make sure your email address has been registered with David / KG4GIY so you can participate in the closed OVH email reflector. Otherwise you will not receive Club email from that reflector. An explanation of how to do this is on the OVH Nets web page at W4OVH.NET. If you're not registered on the OVH email reflector, you may miss out on important club announcements and communications.

SDR Presentation by Mark / WA4KFZ at the OVH's November 19, 2012 Meeting

The low cost SDR (software defined radio) demonstration and presentation at the OVH's November 19, 2012 meeting was very timely. A PDF file copy set of Mark's Powerpoint slides used during the presentation is now posted on W4OVH.NET. The most recent issue of QST for January 2013, just received from the ARRL as this Newsletter was being finalized contains a lengthy write up on the same topic, using the same basic hardware and software. Similarly, the November 2011 issue of CQ-DL from the DARC (Germany) included an article on the same subject, also using the same basic hardware and software. This is certain to become a popular subject for home brew radio construction and experimentation.

Some Pictures from OVH's Year End Holiday / Christmas Party - 2012



A Few Pictures from the Manassas Christmas Parade - December 1, 2012



Impending ITU / UN Power Grab for Control of the Internet

The June 2012 OVH Newsletter reported an impending power grab for control of the Internet by the International Telecommunications Union (“ITU”), a United Nations (“UN”) organization, referencing a then recent Wall Street Journal (“WSJ”) article and an ITU conference to be held at year end 2012. See <http://tinyurl.com/6mk8q3c> for that article. Why would is the ITU assuming a regulatory role over the Internet problematic? For the answer, read that June, 2012 WSJ article. Right now, as predicted in June, the ITU is meeting to consider taking regulatory control of the Internet, and it appears very likely it will attempt to do so. A December 9, 2012 WSJ article provides the update. See <http://tinyurl.com/c952rgm>

As radio amateurs, we are accustomed to thinking of the ITU as a benign but essential international organization which has existed for more than a century to coordinate radio frequencies to minimize interference (that’s good, isn’t it?) and to provide a framework for international amateur radio operations (we like that, don’t we?). Yes and Yes, of course.

But regulation of the Internet by the ITU - why is that needed? It’s not! Why is a strong majority of UN member countries now pushing for the ITU to extend its reach to regulate the Internet? Troublesome political reasons. What are they? Read the December 9, 2012 WSJ article to find out. This troublesome matter has barely been reported by the US press which has found it more “politically correct” to ignore.

Will the United States withdraw from the ITU (as it did from UNESCO in the 1980’s) if the ITU attempts to assume regulatory authority over the Internet, or will it be more “politically correct” not to withdraw? (By the way, why did the US withdraw from UNESCO?) If the US does withdraw from the ITU, what effect will that have upon international ham radio operations as we now know them? The WSJ writer at least suggests that a US withdrawal from the ITU may very well occur in the near future to minimize political regulation of the Internet by the ITU. The article at <http://tinyurl.com/c952rgm> is worth reading.

RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2013 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, including your e-mail address, telephone number(s) and nine digit ZIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" 2013

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____

Home Tel: _____

Cell Tel: _____

Work Tel: _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

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? _____

Dues are now **\$20.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2013. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$10.00. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or lower level [list school attended and grade or level: _____] are \$10.00.

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

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Name: _____

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