

The OVH ARC Newsletter
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH
membership now!

December 2017

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings one and all, I hope everyone is getting into the holiday season in their own way. For those who missed the year end holiday party, we had a good turnout and a good time by everyone. Firstly, I want to thanks to Theresa / KG4TVM once again for putting on a great event. The food was great and the company even better. Thanks to Marine Sgt Tucker Renckert and Lance Corporal Sydney Ally coming on behalf of Toys-For-Tots. Thank you for your service.



Just to stop all of the rumors, yes it is true that Pinkie the (Ham) Pig does exists. From random sighting to appearing in the Manassas Parade, it became clear that the myth is a reality. To reinforce this, Pinkie surprised us at the party. What a real ham bone. She looked like she had a real swine time there. Even though she only stayed for a short time, this due to having to feed the piglets at home, I for one am happy she came.

Reflecting on this past year, it has been interesting to say the least. From our signature events Hamfest and Field Day, to our community service, such as the Mini-Tri's and JOTA, also including the Prince William Half Marathon and the Manassas parade. The Manassas Park parade was canceled due to weather. Speaking of weather, the Manassas Airshow was pretty much a rain out event also. Hopefully next year will be better. In addition, we had the solar eclipse event that a number of club members participated in.

This year we started a new annual award called the Lifetime Achievement Award. The first two recipients were Butch / W4HJL and Arthur / W1CRO. Congrats to both. This year also brought in club recognition in the form of shirts and name tags. What better way to promote our club and amateur radio than by showing who we are and what we do for a hobby. A big accomplishment was a redesign of our web site. I know that a lot of people were concerned about change, but when they saw it, their fears were

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Tuesday at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend without obligation. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz. The OVH's two D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz are temporarily operating with limited D-Star capabilities. 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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put to rest. All of the changes were done to enhance the appeal of the club and to freshen up what had become stale. We also can't forget about finding OVH a new home. Without our many resourceful club members, this would have been much harder. Another project that was completed was the lettering of the trailer. After a number of years, it finally became a reality. Thanks to all who got involved with that. With the changes, I have seen more club members getting involved with different projects and this also brings in new ideas. Case in point, we have the D-Star back online thanks to a special group of people.

I could go on and on praising people and naming them, but to be honest, it was the club that did this. It is the club members that are willing to step forward and use their talents and skills to move forward. With more members stepping up, this will only increase the club's presence in the community and what we do. I look forward to the new year and all of the new adventures that await.

Yes, it's that time of the year again - time to renew your OVH membership for the coming year 2018. A printable, mail-in form for renewal is attached later in this Newsletter that you may print, fill in and mail in with your renewal dues; you may also renew online at W4OVH.NET - use the "Membership" menu tab, then use the "Become / Stay a Member" link under that tab. The OVH's annual renewal dues are \$20 (or \$10 for a second member in a family, students, youngsters) due at the beginning of each calendar year. This works out to just \$1.67 (or \$0.83) per month - a real bargain for anyone with interest in our great Ham Radio hobby, including those who are currently mostly "inactive" or not particularly "active" due to a simple lack of time. I believe all of our members increase their enjoyment of ham radio by associating with our club. The annual dues are but a very, very tiny fraction of what almost all of us expend in actual money paid out or in the value of our time to participate in the hobby. All existing members please renew for 2018!

A very brief OVH December "meeting" was held during the party on December 10th, so I look forward to seeing everyone at the next regular OVH to be held on Tuesday, January 16th, at 7:30 PM in the conference room at the Buckhall Fire Station, Manassas.

Happy Holiday & Merry Christmas to all. Send any thoughts/ideas to: RayKnight@Verizon.net

73 Ray KM4EKR

Sunshine Corner:

Happy birthday wishes for this end of the year month, December 2017, to Bill / N4SV, David / KK4ZUU, Tony / KM4KLB, David / KJ4EPF, Ed / KK4PHP, Thomas / KB1FLK, Jay / NQ4T, Dianne / KI4FVV, Kelly (no call) and Byron / AK4XR.

Great news! Butch / W4HJL is back home at last recuperating. He had a very rough time for a few months, but things are now looking very good for him and he in great spirits and "on the air" again.

December was a very busy month for the OVH which participated again this year on December 2nd in providing communications support during the Greater Manassas Christmas Parade, as well as a vehicle / trailer (and a Porker "Ham" character figure, Pinkie - thanks Rosalie) in the parade itself. The 2017 Parade was 72nd time for this Parade which has occurred each year since 1945. Wow! Some pictures from that event appear on later pages.

The annual Year End Holiday / Christmas Party was held on

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Sunday, December 10th at the Yorkshire Restaurant. Turnout was wonderful, the donations to Toys For Tots was outstanding, fellowship amazing! The food - well just WOW on that. No one there went away hungry. Thank you very much for your donations and for attending, having many of the club members (many with their “significant others”) come out is what makes this event so great. Special thanks to Yorkshire Restaurant for allowing us again to come in and have our party, also for preparing the ham and the turkey main courses. Thanks also to the United States Marine Corp for sending two of their best to attend – Sgt Tucker Renckert and Lance Corporal Sydney Ally too did not leave our party hungry! Some pictures from the Year End party appear later in this Newsletter.

Special thanks to Rosalie / WIFE for bringing Pinky to the Year End party and doing a series of Clark Kent rapid switching back and forth between regular dress and the Pinky costume; as a result, Pinky got to meet everyone and talk with everyone. Rosalie’s hubby, Jeff / WB6UIE, was under the weather and not able to attend. Get well Jeff! See a special Pinkie “report” Jeff prepared in a few pages below.

Also during the Year End party, Lifetime Achievement Awards were shown to everyone that go to Butch / W4HJL and Art / W1CRO, both club members for decades and both still very active with the club (both are OVH Directors). Because neither was able to not attend the party on December 10th, we took the party to them! On Tuesday night, December 12th, Bob / K4HJL, Terry / KC4DV, Paul / W4ZB, Ray / KM4EKR, Sandy / KM4JUS, John / KG4NXT and I all drove over to visit Butch, recuperating at home, to deliver his award. It was great to see him at home after his recent adventures in hospital. On Wednesday evening, December 13th, Terry, Ray, Sandy, John and I drove to Arthur’s home to visit and deliver his award. It was wonderful to see Arthur and Joyce too. Butch and Art’s participation, leadership, expertise, friendship, etc. have been invaluable to the OVH Club throughout the years and these awards to them are long overdue. Very well deserved Butch and Art! See, pictures to the right of these “home delivery” events.



A plaque was also given to Terry / KC4DV at the Year End party for his past work as the Manassas Hamfest Chairman for five years in a row. (Don / WA2SWX has taken over.)

Wayne / N7QLK’s daughter, Megan, was at the party; she is a Mary Kay consultant and took contributions to go toward small holiday gifts for homeless mothers. Way to go Megan! After the party, Wayne wrote: “As a Mary Kay consultant, Megan is supposed to identify a charity for them to contribute to. She selected one for homeless mothers either in centers or in hospitals. During the OVH’s holiday party, she received contributions for 22 needy; she was nearly speechless. Megan and I thank everyone for their generosity!”

See a reduced sized copy of Megan's flyer for her work with this to the right.

The Hamfest Committee's planning meetings are now being held each month and that will continue until the Hamfest itself; everyone in the OVH is invited to attend to observe (without obligation) and learn about the efforts and coordination which is required to plan for and put on this major annual Hamfest event each year. The one which will be held on June 3, 2018 will be for the 44th consecutive Manassas Hamfest. If you would like to attend or assist, keep an eye on the OVH's closed email reflector for announcements or contact Don / WA2SWX at wa2swxdm@gmail.com



The most recent meeting was held on December 12th. A picture I took during that meeting appears to the left.

Condolences to Wayne / N7QLK and his family on the passing of Wayne's father.

Please try to check in to the Thursday night VHF/UHF FM net. You will hear updates and information on everything going on! How to do that is on the OVH web site at <http://w4ovh.net>. You will find us on the 146.970 and 443.500 FM repeaters at 8:00 PM every Thursday evening.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. Enjoy the holidays and see you all in the New Year, 2018. Remember that in January it will be time for you to renew your OVH annual membership: please, everyone renew your membership and continue to support your club!

73 Theresa KG4TVM

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Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held on November 21, 2017:

OVH Club President, Ray / KM4EKR, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the main conference room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia. This was the OVH's third meeting at this new location which is expected to be our meeting location for the next 9 months or so. After the Pledge, all present stated their names and call signs, if any. 25 OVH members and one guest in were in attendance.

Presentation- Terry / KC4DV showed a very nice video he produced using video footage taken during the August Solar Eclipsepedition to South Carolina that he organized to be in the path of the total darkness during the solar eclipse. Several OVH members participated

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in that trek and those activities. Yes, Terry's video showed it really did get quite dark (at least for a few minutes) in South Carolina during that solar eclipse in early afternoon.

Presentation- Ken / KE2N and Andy / KM4MTP gave a talk and answered questions about the status of the OVH's two D-STAR repeater which are being reinstalled and reactivated. Both are leading that effort which includes setting up a microwave link between the OVH site at Mount Pone and the site at NOVEC where the D-Star repeaters are located. The good news: OVH's two D-STAR repeater are expected to be back in full operation by early December.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes for October 17, 2017 regular OVH Meeting went out in November's newsletter. Mark / WA4KFZ, made a motion to accept October's minutes as printed, Al / KB4BHB seconded the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer's report given by Terry / KC4DV.

Sunshine - Theresa / KG4TVM wished everybody with a birthday in November a HAPPY BIRTHDAY; also, a Happy Veterans day to all the veterans out there. She also reminded us about the Year End Holiday / Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 12th beginning at 6:00 PM at the Yorkshire Restaurant. The OVH will also be collecting "Toys for Tots" again so bring an unwrapped new toy to donate. Also bring a covered dish to share. This is a family party so bring the family or those friends that are interested in radio. Happy Thanksgiving. No updates on Butch / W4HJL since his in-patient surgery earlier today at Fairfax Hospital.

JOTA - Theresa / KG4TVM, reported that the local JOTA had a good turnout and the kids were all interested, a great day. Possible new setup location next year: Camp Snyder?

Membership – Membership Chairman, Luther / WA4FMO, read in Richard North (no call), Harry Zint (no call), and Ken Brant / KN4HHO. Luther made a motion to vote in John Price / KI4OWH who was read in last month, Theresa / KG4TVM, seconded the motion and he was voted in as a new member.

ARES: There will be a training session in February. Refer to PWCARES.ORG for the details.

Training - Mark / WA4KFZ explained to a couple of new Hams his "Now what sessions"; he also did some testing with some OVH club members using software with audio conferencing and sharing of computer screen – in preparation for using such a system for future seminars and classes. He plans to hold an online Technician licensing class in January. He will put out an announcement for the class. Stay tuned.

4H – No report this month.

Scholarship- Sandy / KM4JUS reported that everything is progressing so far for 2018.

Web Sites - W4OVH.NET is up and running. Andy / KM4MTP, sent around a list - please check the list to see if your email address is correct. Kevin / KX4KU - the membership renewal online is being worked on now. ManassasHamfest.org is updated for the June 3, 2018 Hamfest.

Hamfest – Don / WA2SWX reported that the down payment for Fairgrounds was made. Sandy is making a vender list. December 12th is the next planning meeting.

New business - Sandy / KM4JUS is looking to attract new youngsters to the hobby and has sent out inquiries to the PWC school STEM program.

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Manassas Parade. We need more volunteers. Meet at 7 am, at the theater on Mathis Ave. The Parade has a 10:00 am start time. Santa is ready to go. George / K4GVT will update us with an email. Terry / KC4DV is towing the trailer and Rosalie (WIFE) will be riding in costume (as the Ham "Pinkie") in Terry's vehicle. This coming Saturday at 10:00 am – please come out and help decorate the trailer for the parade.

Manassas Park Light Parade - volunteers contact Greg. There will be free pizza and soda. It is held at night. Check the reflector for more details.

The December meeting will be held during the Year End Holiday / Christmas Party on December 12th and will be very brief.

Quartermaster - Steve / N4OGR asked again: if you have any club equipment, please send him an equipment description, model and serial numbers, etc. for his registration files, info is needed for insurance purposes.

50-50. The pot grew to \$10, John / KG4NXT, won, he donated his winnings back to the club.

Motion to adjourn by Mark / WA4KFZ, seconded by Jan / KE4TMN, passed, meeting adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS

February 3, 2018 (Saturday) - early morning through mid afternoon - The Richmond Frostfest at the Richmond Raceway Complex in Richmond Virginia. This is the big winter hamfest in Virginia and a bunch of separate cars with OVH members usually drive down from the Manassas area - so ask around if you need a ride. Save the date for now.

May 18 - 20, 2018 (Friday - Sunday) - the Dayton Hamvention, the biggest Hamfest in the USA. Groups of OVH members usually go; every Ham should go - at least one time. Save the dates.

June 3, 2018 (Sunday) - the Manassas Hamfest which is being put on for the 44th time by the OVH. The Flyer for the 2018 Manassas Hamfest is included at the end of the Newsletter.

HAM RADIO RELATED / PUBLIC SERVICE / OVH CLUB EVENTS:

AMRAD meets monthly in McLean, Virginia - meetings usually consist of high level amateur radio related technical presentations on specific topics. Check the <http://amrad.org> web site for upcoming topics, and exact dates, times and places which have been changing around recently.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

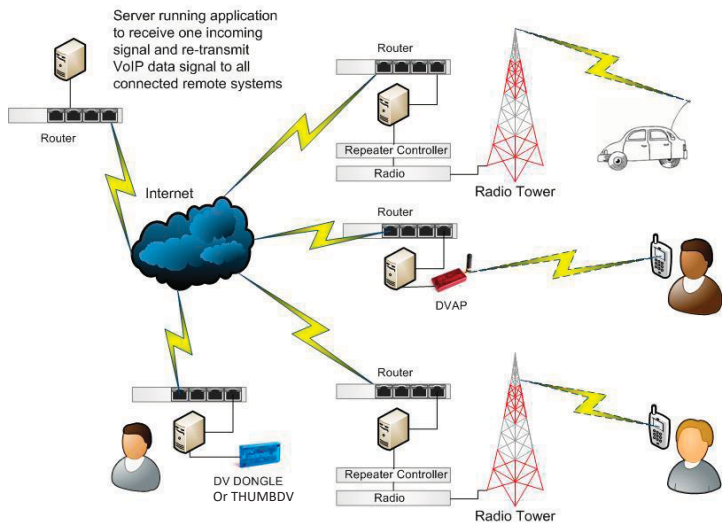
The ARRL has a Contest web page at its web site, but a much more comprehensive, up-to-date, and long range planning contesting calendar with links to the rules for the various events is maintained by WA7BNM at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal>. If you get the radio contesting bug or just want to find out what and how much is going on, that is a good place to look!

PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

Also, always check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for the latest ARES 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.

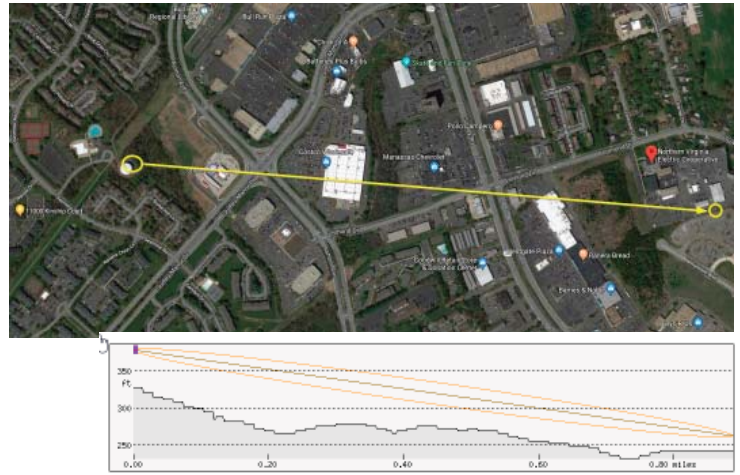
Several Slides from the D-Star Update Presentation by Ken / KE2N and Andy / KM4MTP during the 11/21/2017 OVH Regular Meeting

DSTAR BASIC CONCEPT



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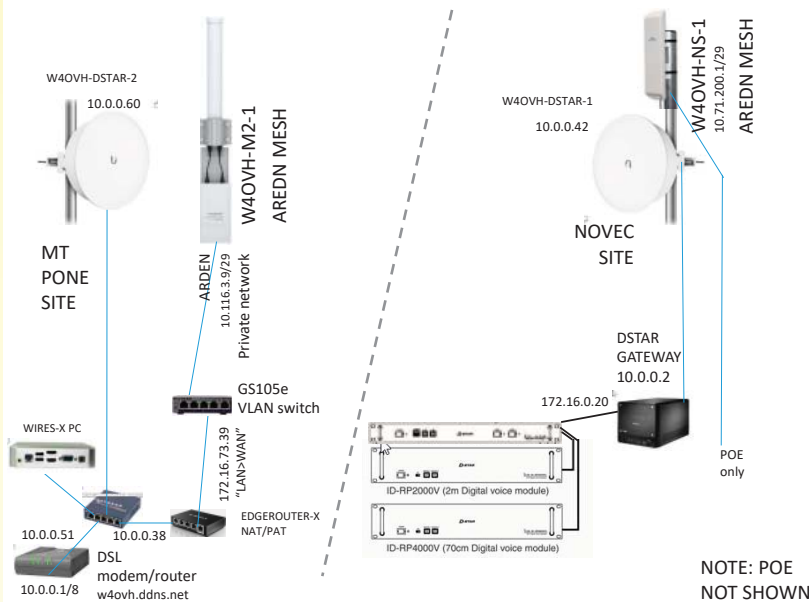
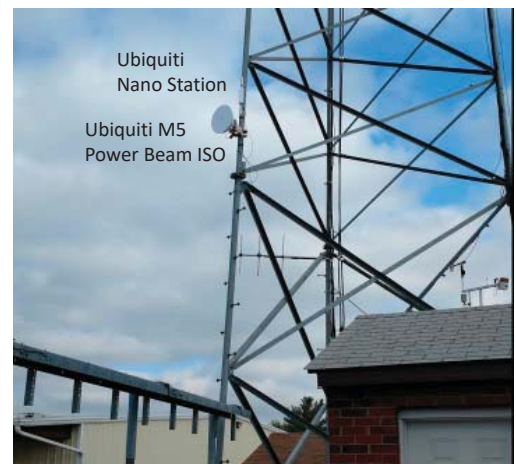
OVH REPEATER LOCATIONS



THE "MT. PONE" END



THE NOVEC END



For some further information

- <http://dstar.info/G2toG3UpgradeInstructions.pdf>
- <https://www.ubnt.com/airmax/powerbeam-ac-iso/>
- <http://www.arcomcontrollers.com/index.php/rc210/rc210-board>
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- <https://allstarlink.org/about.html>
- <http://www.pa7lim.nl/bluedv-windows/>

Getting the OVH's D-Star repeaters up and running again has not been simple at all: the 2 m and 70 cm D-Star repeaters had to be physically moved from Mt. Pone (the OVH's 2 m and 70 cm FM repeaters are now there) to the NOVEC tower; the OVH's Mt. Pone internet connection was extended by a new 2-way AREDN mesh system to the NOVEC site for Internet connection to the D-Star repeaters. A new controller was added, the D-Star system software was upgraded and connection to the master D-Star gateway was re-established. Special thanks to Ken and Andy for figuring out what to do and then leading efforts to get it all accomplished - all now working!

A Few Pictures taken during the December 2, 2017 Greater Manassas Christmas Parade



PINKIE'S CORNER *(more about the December 2, 2017 Christmas Parade)*

Pinkie Pig here!
Reporting in after a glorious day at the Christmas parade. I was just tickled pink at the turnout! Congratulations and thanks to all of the team that made it happen! I heard that HGTV was going to offer Theresa and Terry a



decorating job after seeing the fantastic job they did on the trailer! We all "pigged out" at the catered breakfast at the theatre. That was yummy!

I had a "swine" time riding in the parade with Terry. Let me tell you, it's no easy task getting up into a truck when you are a pig! They make it seem so effortless moving about when they run around and roll in the mud puddles!

I loved looking at all the people, but I think they all had "bacon" on the brain! One actually called me a "ham"! I'm sure they would have loved to invite me over, especially to their kitchen! (Oh dear, I can hear the skillet sizzling! Now I'll have nightmares!)

I waved and waved until I thought my little pink arm was going to fall off. I don't know how Queen Elizabeth has done it for 60 years! There was one sweet little boy who grabbed my hand and arm and hugged it when we were at a full stop ---- he thought I was cuddly!

Peaches rode on the console, and was really quiet. Perhaps she was pondering our next adventure, and didn't want to hog the attention!

A good time was had by all!

Pinkie signing off ----- until next time!

Some Possibly Useful or Interesting Information

"To protect ... yourself from cybercriminals, you must make data security an everyday priority. This includes having a security plan. Some steps you should take as part of that security plan are: having security software that includes a firewall, anti-malware and anti-virus programs; creating strong passwords that are changed periodically; educating [yourself and others using your systems] ... on the dangers of phishing emails and other threats to [your] ... data; exercising caution with attachments and web links; and a secure password protected wireless connection. It is particularly important for you ... to be cautious when opening attachments or clicking links in emails. Hold your cursor over the link to see the URL. Look closely at the full email address of the sender." This quote comes from an IRS publication. Despite IRS's problems with Lois Lerner's emails, files, laptops etc. which magically disappeared once subpoenaed, IRS has some very good useful guidance on this subject on its public web site. To find it, go to IRS.gov and search "Don't take the Bait"

A Few Pictures taken during the December 10, 2017 OVH Year End Holiday Party



Below, a good story from OVH VP Jeff / WB6UIE about unexpectedly running into a long ago close ham friend from California at a recent Ole Virginia Hams ARC meeting in Manassas, Virginia.

VP's Corner

Jeff Fuller
WB6UIE

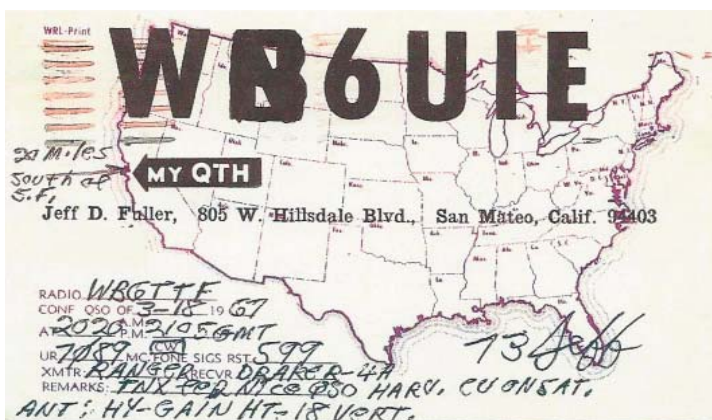
The holiday season is a time for gathering with family and friends, celebrating our many blessings, and of course exchanging gifts. As I think back over the years, I'm thankful for the many gifts I've received from amateur radio - a chance to expand my technical skills, volunteer opportunities within the local community, and of the course the many friends I've made.



I was first licensed back in the prehistoric era of the 1960s. Back then all telephones had wires and a rotary dial, there was no Internet, and computers were mainframes that needed punched cards for input. I remember running into quite a few young hams about my age as I made my first QSOs. Without today's social media sites like Facebook, how did we keep in touch? We had "scheds" where we would all meet up on the same HF frequency once a week or so. I was then living in the San Francisco Bay Area and remember keeping active scheds with two young hams in southern California, Roger and Harv. We met regularly on 40 meter CW until, as I recall, our draft numbers came up and we disappeared into the great vortex of life.

Fifty years later, I find myself retired in northern Virginia and once again finding time to return to amateur radio. One evening at an OVH club meeting, I walked a new member, Harv WB6TTF. That call sounded familiar. Could it be the same Harv from our sched days? I'm not sure he remembered me at first - probably thought I was pulling his chain. But after a little searching of his archives, he found my QSL card from 1967 (below). Small world ...

My QSL card to Harv from 1967. (As a youngster on a tight budget, I had used a felt tip pen to change the original Novice callsign WN6UIE to my new General Class call, WB6UIE.)



REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2018 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" for 2018

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, 2018. 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:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Call: _____

Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**

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Manassas, VA 20108-1255

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO & MAKER TECHNOLOGY SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(Featuring Youth Lounge Activities for the Youngsters Attending!)



Sunday, June 3, 2018

Prince William County Fairgrounds

Large Outdoor and Covered Pavillion flea market areas, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road - Route 234 - Manassas, Virginia -- Talk-In Repeater on 146.97-

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

8-foot tables: \$30* each
with chairs & electricity
(\$25 if reserved by May 1st)
Setup Noon – 8 PM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10* per person at gate
(Age 18 and younger: no charge)
(*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/15/2018)
Gates open at 7 AM

TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space
Covered Pavillion: \$15 per space
(*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/15/2018)
Gates open at 6 AM

* Online ticket sales and vendor registration at <http://manassashamfest.org>

For our Most Current Vendor Info, Lists and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages:

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM (be present to win)
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers attending
- Virginia Section Manager Forum & other Forums
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Virginia QSO Party Forum and Awards
- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information

ACTIVITIES

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (\$15.00 Fee per Examinee at the VE Exams)
- ARRL style Youth Lounge programs all day for youngsters - by the OVHARC and 4-H
- Maker Robotics Corral and Demos
- Amateur Radio Satellite Forum
- BroadBand Ham Networks ("BBHN") Forum
- "Maker" group technology demonstration
- More Forums to be announced, check web sites

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Dealer Info from Sandy / KM4JUS: vendors@manassashamfest.org

General Info from Don / WA2SWX: chairman@manassashamfest.org

VE Testing / Exam Information: vetesting@manassashamfest.org