

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

Renew your OVH
membership now!

December 2018

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family members. I wanted to get that in first! And please don't forget to renew your OVH membership for 2019 now! Use the form at the end of this Newsletter or do it online at w4ovh.net.

Speaking of forgetting, every time I try to get on the air with the "new" FT8 mode, I have to try to remember what I did last time which didn't work. One of these days I'll get it working; and now I see that a new FT8 version has come out so I will have to download that and get up to speed with it. The recent, big FT8 contest with a lot of FT8 activity on HF provided a good incentive for me to get this working at last!

I really enjoyed the OVH's Year End Holiday Party this year – held on Sunday evening, December 9, 2018. Of course I have enjoyed all the ones I have attended in the past too.

It was good to see so many people come out and the food was really good too (as usual). Thanks to those that brought the delicious side dishes. I was telling Jay / NQ4T, that you can't go wrong with burnt cheese (he referred to it as blackened). Growing up we always fought over the corners of the baked mac and cheese where it was blackened. Thanks to Theresa for all she did, which was a lot, for the wonderful Holiday Party this year. Thanks too to the Yorkshire restaurant for again hosting us and providing us with the turkey and ham. I meant to get up and socialize more but was caught up in the conversations at our table with various club members rotating through. You can tell when I am fascinated during a conversation because I don't say much: I just listen.

I know I have mentioned this before, but as a reminder, starting in January 2019 we will be meeting at the Yorkshire restaurant on the Saturday before our club meetings at 8:00 am for breakfast. It will be an opportunity to socialize and eat a great breakfast. I never get to talk to everyone I would like to at our meetings because of the time restraint and thought that this would be one way to get to talk to more club members. If you have time to join us on January 12th, please come and feel free to invite family and or friends.



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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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Something else has been on my mind too and that is that I would like to do a radio direction finding exercise that involves a larger distance. I know other clubs have them so why not the OVH? I would like someone with some experience in RDF to help put this together. Maybe we could prepare by meeting on a weekend and building Adcock antennas? I would like to try this over 5-10 miles where the fox broadcasts for 5 minutes so everyone can get a bearing and then drive to their next spot and take another bearing when the fox comes back on the air after a five-minute break. This would repeat till the everyone found the fox. The first person to find the fox would get to be the fox for the next time and get a prize. What do you think? We could continue this discussion on the reflector.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and a Happy New Year. May we be kind to one another. And don't forget the next regular OVH meeting will be on January 15th in the new year and there should be another Newsletter just before that as usual.

73 BYRON AK4XR

Sunshine Corner:

Wishing the following OVH club members a happy year-end birthday this December: David / KK4ZUU, Tony / KM4KLB, Ed / KK4PHP, Jay / NQ4T, Dianne / KI4FVV, Bill / N4SV, Kelly / No Callsign, Byron / AK4XR, Charles / WA1FFX and George / N4XSL.

Chairman of the Hamfest Committee, Don / WA2SWX, has taken a very strong lead on the planning for the 45th for the Manassas Hamfest. Expect updated news about that at or by the January OVH meeting. Check out notices on the OVH's email reflectors and web site or you can reach Don at wa2swxdm@gmail.com if you would like to assist.

Fred / N3KVV was in a bad motor vehicle accident near his home in Pennsylvania at the end of November; he has just gotten out of intensive care and his spirits are very good; he has made much better than expected progress so far and he expects to be out of the hospital shortly - with the prospect of an almost full recovery after rehab. over a few months.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to assist the OVH in providing communications support for the Greater Manassas Christmas Parade on December 1, 2018, and to George / K4GVT for organizing and coordinating the OVH's participation. See pictures later in this Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the OVH's Year End Holiday Party, and for the generous donations for Toys 4 Tots. Lots of pictures later in this Newsletter. More in January!

Everyone, it's time to renew your OVH membership now for 2019! Do it now before you forget! You can either use the mail in form at the end of this Newsletter or do it online at w4ovh.net. The club needs your continued support and collection of the modest annual dues shows your support!

Please try to check in to the Thursday night VHF/UHF FM net at 8:00 pm. You will hear updates and information on everything going on! How to do that is on the OVH web site at <http://w4ovh.net> and you can now also check in either by radio or via Internet connection.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018:

OVH President, Bryon / AK4XR called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on November 20, 2018 in

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the main conference room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station, Manassas, Virginia.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their name and call sign. There were 30 OVH members and 3 guests present.

October Meeting Minutes: Sandy / KM4JUS made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes as reported in the Newsletter, with no changes. Kevin / KX4KU seconded and minutes were approved.

October JOTA event summary was provided by Rob / W4FSK. Thanks to John / KG4NXT and Al / KB4BHB for getting the antenna up for the event after the unfavorable weather. There were 175 youth who attended from 16 states/10 countries. A special award was presented to John / KG4NXT. There were 6 OVH members who attended the event to assist.

Treasurer Report was given by Bryon (using input from Don / WA2SWX). Ray / KM4EKR made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. Wayne / N7QLK seconded and report was approved. Details will be posted for members on the members only portions of the W4OVH.NET club web site.

Membership report by Luther / WA3FMO – Erik Sokolowski / K4SOK, Thomas Beckett / NV3T, Rob Hoitt / W4FSK, and Jack “Brian” Cochran / WC4J were read in. John McNamara / KG4HZC and Matt Rombold / KX4HC were voted in as new members.

ARES Report was given by David / KG4GIY. There was a Turkey Trot last week-end. On December 8, 2018, there will be an 8 Kilo Run thru Quantico Golf Course. The next ARES meeting will be on January 19, 2018 at the AOC at which ‘Clarence’ boxes will be distributed. The March meeting may include CPR Training.

Repeaters Ken KE2N – COMCAST work continues. Connecting up expected on December 13th!

Training Report by Mark / WA4KFZ. The Tech Class has been completed and a VE Session was held; five passed the Tech exam. Two then attempted the General Exam, but no one passed that.

2019 Hamfest update by John / KG4NXT. Don / WA2SWX is in discussions with the Prince William County Schools about a new location; discussions are promising, but no conclusions yet, including on the exact date for the 2019 Hamfest.

Sunshine announcements made by Theresa / KG4TVM – Articles will be added to web site. Happy Birthday wishes to a number of members. The Manassas City Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2018. George K4GVT is coordinating the club’s activities. The club trailer will be decorated with lights on Friday, November 23rd, at 11am. The Manassas Park Light Parade will be on Saturday, December 8th. If you interested in helping, please contact Greg / KM4CCG. The OVH holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 9th at the Yorkshire Restaurant from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring something for Toys For Tots. Starting in January, the Saturday prior to the OVH monthly meeting, everyone is invited to Yorkshire Restaurant for a breakfast get together for food and fellowship. More details will be placed on the OVH closed Email Reflector.

WebPage committee met with the board. Numerous decisions regarding web addresses and how to get off ‘Go Daddy’ were made.

The Serve Our Wounded Warrior run date is to be determined (sometime in May or June 2019).

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The group is asking for OVH input on the date, so the club can assist with communications again.

Manassas Air Show in May – Club has not yet decided whether to participate again this year.

Don WA2SWX was able to work with Amazon as a Corporate Sponsor for OVH. If members use Amazon ‘Smile’, the club will receive .5% of purchase. There is a link on the OVH web site.

Ray / KM4EKR won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, February 2, 2019 - Frostfest in Richmond, VA. More info at <http://frostfest.com>

HAM RADIO RELATED:

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 locations for the meetings which have been changing 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

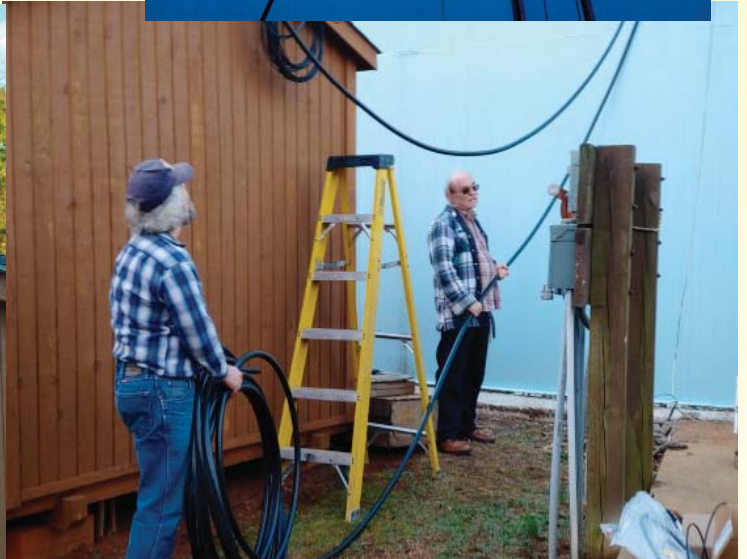
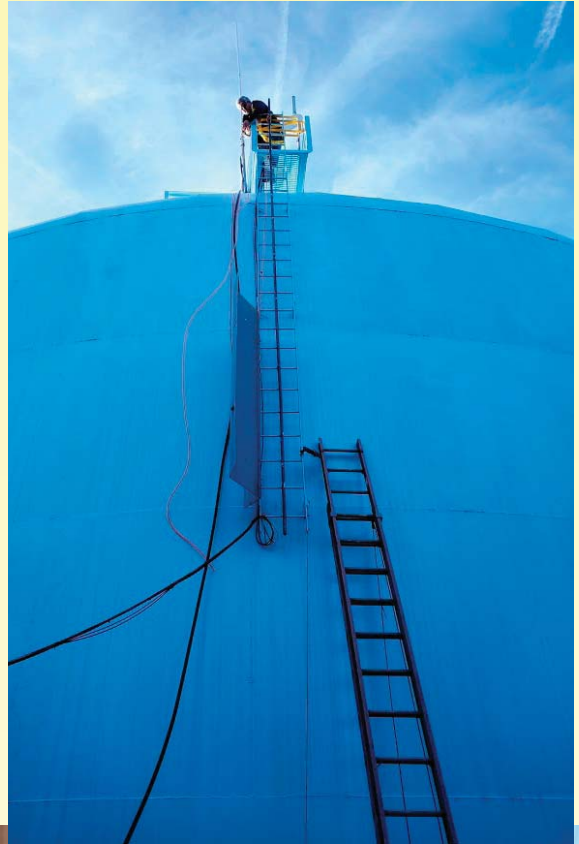
Also, always check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://pwcared.org> for the latest PWC ARES updates. David maintains a comprehensive calendar for upcoming events at that web site. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.



Follow Up: B-17 Radios - Nov. 2018 OVH Newsletter.

During a Thanksgiving visit with my brother, Fred / N3KVV, you editor got to see a BC-375 in pristine condition - this is the same MOPA CW/MCW/AM LF/MF/HF transmitter set with removeable plug-in tuners for each different frequency range - which was standard equipment on B-17 bombers during WWII. Fred had this mid-1930's designed equipment out for display. Picture to the left. A "well worn" one of these on the still flying B-17 was shown in last month's Newsletter. The BC-375 slightly predated the more famous ARC "Command" transmitter / receiver sets which were used on other WWII bombers and transport aircraft. Surplus BC-375s and Command sets were widely and inexpensively available and very popular in the 1950's and 1960's for ham radio conversions. More at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=5s8V-xA-7z0> for the BC-375.

OVH crew - repairs & refurbishing work at the Mt. Pone repeater site - 12/03/2018



A few pictures from the December 1, 2018 Greater Manassas Christmas Parade



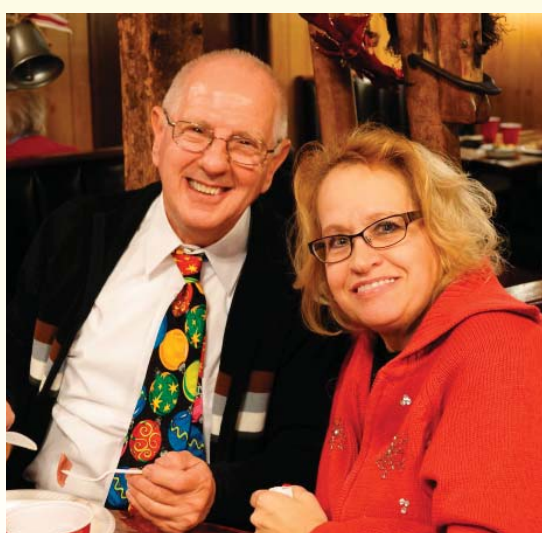
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The participating OVH members during the 2018 Greater Manassas Christmas Parade provided communications support. George / K4GVT organized and coordinated OVH's efforts with the City of Manassas and the other parade authorities.



Some Pictures from the December 9, 2018 OVH Year End Holiday Party



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REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2019 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 2019

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____
Home Tel: _____
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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, 2019. 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.

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

Name: _____
Name: _____

Call: _____
Call: _____

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