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

(Editor)

Message From the President

Greetings to All OVH Members:

One of the unexpected results from the terrorist attacks has been a greater interest in radio as a means of both communication and gathering information. Ham radio support in the rescue efforts engendered newspaper articles and interviews. And these news stories dealt with the many modes and possibilities within the hobby, not just 2 meter emergency response. I know of two people who are starting to study for their ham tickets because of what they learned following the attacks. Several others have asked my opinion about shortwave receivers and scanners. They didn't just ask, they've purchased them and they are using them.

Another aspect of radio's increased popularity is shown in a recent news poll. Almost half the respondents said they got most of their war and international news from talk radio and its affiliated newscasts and references. Only about 17 percent identified broadcast TV news shows as their primary means of getting information. This is a radical shift and illustrates the portability and immediacy that radio, as a medium, represents.

I hope everyone can enjoy this holiday season. Whether you get together in large family gatherings, take some quiet time with a loved one, spend a day in worship, or just enjoy shopping, there is a way for all of us to participate at a special time of year. That's one of the wonders of the holiday.

Merry Christmas!!

Jeff N1SN

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Local information can always be obtained, at any time, through the usage of the OVH repeaters (146.97- & 224.660- Mhz). All are welcome.

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SUNSHINE CORNER

Congratulations to John, KG4NXT, who upgraded to General Class. Good Job!!

Welcome to Hugh, N3GJG! We hope you enjoy our club!

Happy Birthday to our fellow Hams born in December: Andy KD4RHB, Hugh N3GJG, Alan KD4KBX, Ken W5AOC, Charles WA1FFX, John K4KGU, Samuel WB4FGS, Bill N4WJN, George N4XSL and Richard KE4TMV. Hope you each enjoy your day!

Take some time during the Holidays to reflect upon the great lives we lead here in America, the freedoms we enjoy, purchased by our troops, and how we can help others, especially using our Hobby!

Happy Holidays!

Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW

SIGNAL HILL PARK

Thanks to all the folks who came out for the casual operating event at Signal Hill Park on November 25. Susan and myself, Ruth, Phil, Jim, Nick, Ro and Doris all had a good time. We only made a few QSOs, but we learned a bit about simple antennas, low power operating and, especially, what NOT to forget at home. Of course, the day I scheduled the event was the first rainy day this area had seen for almost two months. If we had held it sooner, we might have avoided the drought. HI HI! But we all had a few hours of listening, transmitting, and enjoyable conversation.

I hope we can do this again, perhaps in the spring. Several members expressed interest in doing just that. (Preferably on a warmer and dryer day!) And with what we learned this last time it could be even more fun. 73.

Jeff N1SN

OVH TESTING SESSION

I want to take a moment and express that Bill, K9ZD, did a fine job of handling the testing session. All the material was available and in order. I believe we had about a dozen candidates. Most were doing the technician class, but one or two general and perhaps an extra. Bill will follow up at the meeting with the particulars and exact numbers.

Keith Bennington
KM4AA

Some results of game played at last OVH meeting – creating words related to ham radio or

electronics using first letters of “Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club”

O = ohm, ohmmeter, Oscar, overload, omni directional

L = loop, lower side band, lead, links, lead acid battery, laser, inverted-L, line, limiter, LITZ (wire), ladder line, long line

E = element, electron, envelope (PEP), electromotive, energy, electricity, exiter, electric

V = vapor, vertical, voltmeter, volts, voltage, Variac, vacuum tube

I = inductance, indicator, interference, impedance, intermod

R = radial, rheostat, radio, rig, resistor, resistance, RACES

G = gimble, general class, gauge, ground, G. Marconi, gain, grid, grandfather rule, goniometer, gamma match, gramophone, grid drip

I = iambic, isotrone, IF, inductance, impedance, insulator, internet, ICOM, India, inverter, interference

N = net, node, nicad, NPN, NY (Marconi's first transmission), neutralize, neutral

I = interference, isotropic, intercept, insulator, ICOM, inverted -V, intermod, inductance, inductor

A = ampere, amp, antenna, advanced, ARRL, amplifier, amateur, attenuator

H = ham, Hallicrafters, handle, halo (antenna), Henry, ham radio, ham stick, Heil microphone, handheld, hay rake (antenna), Hartley, herodam

A = Alinco, ammeter, AND gate, alpha, amplify, amateur, antenna, autotuner, autocal

M = meter (metre for our Canadian friend), Motorola, milliwatt, microphone, mixer, maximum (HP), milliamp, mast, mode, monitoring, meteor scatter, modulate, Morse code

S = skip, signal, SSB, S-meter, sugar, short, static, spark gap, S-unit, system, switch, shack, speaker

A = AM, amplifier, able, AEC, ampere, antenna, audio, Alinco, Azden (sp?), aerial

M = mercury, meter, millivolt, mixer, modulation, MHO, monitor, Morse code, mother board, mixer, magnetism, megaphone

A = ammeter, alphanumeric, attenuator, AMAT, ampere, advanced class, Alinco, audio, azimuth, amplify

T = telster, Ten Tec, transistor, transmitter, tango, turnbuckle, transmit, teletype, tuner, thermostat, television, tower

E = electron, electronic, end feed, emergency communications, electromotive, efficiency, echo, extra class, E-layer, environment, exciter

U = ultimeter, URL, antenna, umbridge (sp), USB, UHF, Uniden, undervoltate, UP converter, UNPROTO (sp)

R = rack, reflected, resistor, receiver, radial, resistance, radio, rod, relay, regenerator, repeater, rotator

R = relay, reactance, resistor, resistance, radio, Roger, rig, range, reflector, regenerate

A = amplifier, anode, audio, amator, ARES, active, amp hour, attenuate, antenna

D = diode, DX, dipole, DXCC, dial, data, dummy load, Deltatune, detect, drip

I = ionosphere, insulator, inventor, India, ICOM, indicator, install, intermittent transmission, isoloop antenna

O = oscilloscope, oscillator, ohmmeter, Oscar, OSCAR satellite, oscillation, online, OVH, off air, operate

C = club, code, capacitor, call sign, Connecticut (ARRL HQ), CW, communicate, coax, cable

L = Los, linear, LED, lima, license, limiter, link, LSB, loop, inverted-L, LITZ, loss, loud speaker

U = unit, unlicensed, USB, under modulation, Uniform, UV, utility, UP counter, UNUN (like Balun) transformer

B = balun, battery, barefoot, bravo, board, circuit, band, baud, Bencher paddle, branch circuit (BIAS), BFO, big amplifier

As you can see, some of the responses were expected, some were creative and others were ... umm.. well, they were different.

73, Jeff N1SN

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCONI'S HISTORIC
TRANS-ATLANTIC RADIO TRANSMISSION
December 11 – 16, 2001

The Marconi Radio Club, W1AA and The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association Amateur Radio operators are making plans to celebrate a Marconi world historical event. December 12, 2001 will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Trans-Atlantic radio transmission by Guglielmo Marconi. That signal was a series of "S S S" transmitted on CW across the Atlantic from Poldhu, Cornwall England to St. John's, Newfoundland.

The Marconi Radio Club will be using the call sign W1AA/CC and will be operating from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, U.S.A. the location of Marconi's 1903 Trans-AtlanticRadio Station. Marconi's 1903 call sign was "C C".

See this link for times, frequencies and modes of operation for W1AA/CC.

<http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=w1aa>

Voice of America Marconi Event Broadcast – <http://www.trsc.com/cw>

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