

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

FEBRUARY 2002



Next meeting: February 18, 2002



Committee Chairperson's!!!!

**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:

Well, this is my last column as OVH president and (surprise!!) I'm going to review the previous year.

I think it's been a really good year. We've added about 25 new members. Our usual radio and civic activities attracted plenty of member help. (Field Day had over 50 percent participation.) The special event last summer was fun, we had several hundred QSOs and even garnered a new member from New York. Scholarships, Hamfest, Field Day, casual events, banners, press coverage, increased public awareness, bike rides and charity walks: it worked, it was fun and instructive, and it was a real tribute to everyone who participated.

It has been gratifying to have so many new hams and new members take part in club activities, especially those who have stepped forward to take on club functions and seek officer slots. I had hoped to widen the base of members who regularly participate in our events and these folks made it possible.

My sincere thanks to all of you for making my year as president something special.

73, Jeff/N1SN

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OFFICERS

President:	Jeff Poulin	N1SN	361-5865
Vice Pres.:	John Palcer	K4KGU	540-347-3391
Secretary:	David Lane	KG4GIY	361-3042
Treasurer:	Bill South	N4WJN	590-9562

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Don (Butch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
Art Whittum	KW4AW	791-4330
John Fritsch	N4YOB	791-5995

WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	WB4ZOH(Ken)	361-3482
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HAMFEST 2002

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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FIELD DAY 2002

Bill	K9ZD	754-7913
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CLUB ROSTER

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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EDUCATION

Bill	K9ZD	754-7913
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CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Brian	KE4NFK	257-9545
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ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Erv	KT4DS	335-1029
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F.A.R. REP.

Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877

FINANCE

Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Bill	K9ZD	754-7913

HISTORIAN

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HOME PAGE

Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
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J.O.T.A. (Scouts)

John	N4YOB	791-5995
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Susan Poulin	K3SSP	361-5865
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NEWSLETTER

Steve Meade	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Jeff Poulin	N1SN	361-5865
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

PICNIC

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

PUBLICITY

Steve Frick	N4OGR	361-0008
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O' MASTER

Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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REPEATER CONTROLLERS

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Steve	KB4OF	368-6901

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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SUNSHINE

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590.9562
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
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Bill	K9ZD	754-7913

The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 8:00 PM every third Monday of the month at the NOVEC Tech Center in Gainesville. Prospective members are invited.

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

Permission is hereby granted for the reprinting of articles and quotations in this letter, provided full credit is given to the OVH ARC, and the author of the article. Contribution of printed articles by both members and non-members is encouraged. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month. Submissions should be forwarded to OVH TIMES EDITOR: Steve Meade KB4OF, PO Box 1418, Manassas, VA 20108-1418, or, to kb4of@arrl.net

Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation - 170

Minutes of the OVH Meeting 21 January 2002

The meeting was called to order at 2004 by President **Jeff Poulin/N1SN**.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs.

Welcome **John Humphrey/W4IM**.

The Treasurer's report and the past month's minutes were passed.

Committee Reports

Education: **Bill Hinley/K9ZD** - Hoped to have the ads ready - colour printer cartridge dried up. File to be sent to **Bill South** for the web site. Next class to begin on March 12 2002 19:00 through May 21 2002. Spring Break is in there somewhere. Next to the last Tuesday before the Hamfest.

Technical: **Butch Blasdel/W4HJL** - Three functioning repeaters.

Packet: **Bill South/N4WJN** - Radios from the nodes are scheduled to come down for sending back to **ICOM** to be fixed, if affordable. Connections to **OVH** and then to **NIRAC** - it has been having problems and doesn't do a **netrom broadcast**. You have to call out to it on port 4 (9600 baud). Further instructions on Bill's node off of the OVH node.

Hamfest: **Jack McDermott/N4YIC** - Everything is going well. Requested the contract for the out years. Ready for this year. Flyers pending, and Jack is off to **Richmond** to spread the word. **Vienna Frost Fest** is **March 3rd** - we have offered **Vienna Wireless** a table at the Manassas Hamfest.

Membership: **Susan Poulin/K3SSB** - **Elizabeth Heartney/KG4NXV** read in.

ARES: **David Lane/KG4GIY** - Presentation of the **Commendation from the County** to the **OVH**.

JOTA: **Jeff Poulin/N1SN** - Presentation of **Certificate of Appreciation** for **JOTA** and the **Radio Merit Badge** from the **National Boy Scout Council**.

Old Business: **Jeff Poulin/N1SN** - If the power goes out at the storage facility (the shed), then you have to go through the non-electronic gate. Need 3 to open and move the gate. A letter is requested to be sent to the resident manager at the storage facility to notify them of who will be showing up to open the gate.

Membership renewal time. You must be paid up to vote. Thank you note from **Charlie Dale/WA4YGI**. **Prince William County Schools** is looking for volunteers to come in and present. Club should put some gray matter together and come up with a presentation.

Nominations: **Jeff Poulin/N1SN**

President: **Bill Hinley/K9ZD**

Vice President: **Ruth Frock/KU4WH**

Treasurer: **Bill South/N4WJN**

Secretary: **Phil Colling/AC4PL**

Elections are next month.

--BREAK--

John Humphrey/W4IM, **Affiliated Club Coordinator** for the **Virginia Section** came to talk about what he does. Information for the club can be updated on-line.

David A. Lane/KG4GIY, kg4giy@arrl.net

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Valentine's Day! Introduce someone you love to **Amateur Radio!**

Happy Birthday to our friends **Lloyd/N4OOM, Jenny/KF4YYF, Robert/K2TV, Vinh/KF4PQI, Cheri/KB5QZJ, Roland/WB4NWX, and Art/KW4AW.** Hope you each have a **great birthday!**

If you notice that your birthday is not celebrated here, please contact me at jansteve@bww.com or 703.361.0008 to let me know when your birth month is.

Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW

IN BRIEF

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration: Registration for the Level I Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (EC-001) will open Monday, February 4, 2002, 4 PM Eastern Time. Registration for Level II will open on Monday, February 11; registration for Level III will open February 18. Courses must be completed in order, starting with Level I. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <http://www.arrl.org/cce> and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Certification and Continuing Education Coordinator Dan Miller, K3UFG, cce@arrl.org.

Winter Olympics special event: The West Desert Amateur Radio Club will sponsor special event station W7U to commemorate the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. W7U will be on the air from February 8 until February 24. Look for W7U on or around 3.768, 14.250, 21.300 and 28.400 MHz. QSL to W7EO, PO Box 98, Grantsville, UT 84029.

Broadcasters may borrow amateur band for Winter Olympics coverage: The FCC has granted the Salt Lake Organizing Committee a Special Temporary Authority to utilize the 13 centimeter band (2300-2305 and 2390-2450 MHz) for broadcast auxiliary operations at Olympic venues through March 1. While the STA does not forbid amateur use of the band between now and then, it does authorize the Broadcast Auxiliary Service as a co-secondary user until March 1. "These types of STAs are not unusual during major broadcast events, and the Olympic Games qualify," said ARRL regulatory correspondent Brennan Price, N4QX. The FCC has designated the Salt Lake Organizing Committee as the single point of contact for coordinating operations under §74.24 of the Commission's rules through March 31, 2002, for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympic Games to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Olympic site is NOAA Weather Radio-ready, thanks to hams: With the help of local Amateur Radio operators in the Park City and Salt Lake City, Utah, area, the Olympic village in Park City has 24-hour NOAA Weather Radio coverage. "There was absolutely no weather radio coverage in Park City due to the mountain range between our SLC transmitter and Park City," said Joe Lachacz, KF6NHD, a NOAA Weather Radio Specialist. Steve Mainwaring, NZ6Z, Don Lloyd, KD7BA, and Greg Lundell, K7UHP, installed the NOAA Weather Radio on Quarry Ridge in Park City. Olympic venues in Park City include bobsledding, luge and downhill skiing.--Joe Lachacz, KF6NHD

FCC converting ATINs to FRNs: Acronym alert! Acronym alert! Everyone to get from street! (with apologies to the old movie, The Russians are Coming, the Russians are Coming!) The FCC is completing the conversion of Assigned Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ATINs) to Commission Registration System (CORES) FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs). ATINs were issued to amateur applicants--to clubs and to non-US citizens--who did not qualify for a Social Security Number, so they could register for the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC issued most ATINs, but some were issued by a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) or Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA). An FCC spokesperson said all ATINs should be converted to FRNs by mid-February. The FCC has discontinued the use of ATINs, since the CORES registration process provides an exception for club stations and non-citizens to obtain an FRN. The FRN then may be used to access the ULS, which incorporates the Amateur Service licensing database (among other services).

Not too late to become part of ARDF Team USA: ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, says he has submitted Team USA's Letter of Intent to Participate in the 11th ARDF World Championships, September 2-7 in the Slovak Republic. Twelve stateside ARDFers ranging in age from 11 to 60 have expressed interest in attending, but Moell says it's not too late to add your own name for Team USA consideration. He said the divisions for males under age 40 and for all females still have several openings. Those interested should contact Moell via e-mail, homingin@aol.com. For more information, visit the World Championships Web site <http://www.ardf.sk>. For more information on Team USA, radio-orienting in the US, and the upcoming USA Championships near Atlanta, visit Moell's Homing In Web site <http://www.homingin.com>.

YHOTY nominations invited: Nominations are open for the Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award for 2002. Created in 1986, the award recognizes one young radio amateur under the age of 18 in the continental US for his or her contributions to society through Amateur Radio. Nominating forms and additional information are available at the Amateur Radio Newsline Web site, <http://www.arnewline.org>. All nominations and materials required by the official rules must be received by Amateur Radio Newsline before May 30, 2002.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The OVH Nominating Committee met recently and they have recommended the following slate of officers for the coming year. Elections will be held at this meeting --February 18, 2002. Nominations may be made from the floor, as long as the person being nominated has given their permission prior to the Election, and that the nominee meets the criteria as stated in the Bylaws. Election will be by Secret Ballot.

The following members of Ole Virginia Hams have agreed to run for office:

President:	Bill Hinely	K9ZD
Vice President:	Ruth Frock	KU4WH
Treasurer:	Bill South	N4WJN
Secretary:	Phil Colling	AC4PL

We urge all members of OVH who are able, to attend this meeting and cast your vote for the new Officers. Then we can offer our cooperation, support and assistance to the incoming officers for the tasks ahead.

What: The Vienna Wireless Society's "Winterfest"

Where: The Annandale, Virginia Campus of Northern Virginia Community College

When: Sunday, March 3, 2002

Who: All "Ole Virginia Hams" Members

Well, the nice folks from "The Vienna Wireless Society" have afforded us a courtesy vendor table at their very popular "**Winterfest.**"

We have table B13 reserved as of this writing, but our final table assignment might be one or two tables in either direction.

So, let's put this table to good use. This is a wonderful opportunity to score a few points with your spouse. Dust off those old treasures you've been planning to sell or trade, and bring them to the "Winterfest" to sell at our table. Moreover, if you are involved in an estate sale, bring some items along to sell at the Winterfest.

This courtesy table will also serve nicely as a warm, dry place for OVH members to meet, rest a spell, and show off your newly purchased treasures and junque.

Winterfest is always fun, so do plan to attend. See you there.

RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!!
Below is the 2002 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION
“OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB”
2002

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)
DO YOU WANT YOUR PHONE NO. LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$10.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2002
Dues for additional family members **living at the same mailing address** are **\$5.00**

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____
NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:
Name: _____ Call: _____
Name: _____ Call: _____

Return to: Treasurer, OVH P.O. Box 1255 Manassas, VA 20108