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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## NOVEMBER 2002

**Next meeting: November 18, 2002**

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**Need your input for the Newsletter. The deadline for  
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(Editor)

### **A Message From The President**

**Greetings to All OVH Members:**

John Heartney, KG4NXT and Dwight Agnew, K9ERF will be presenting a program on PSK 31 at the November 18, 2002 meeting. This will be a real treat for all of us. Don't miss it!

If you have any ideas for future club functions or meeting programs, please contact me at 703-754-7913 or [K9ZD@arrl.net](mailto:K9ZD@arrl.net)

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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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## Minutes of the OVH Meeting - Oct. 21, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President **Bill Hinely/K9ZD** at 2000 Eastern Time.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. Twenty-Three members were present.

The minutes of the September 2002 meeting passed with one minor correction

**Weekly Nets:** **Ken/WB4ZOH** sent a note to **AR Newslines** to see if the audio file can be edited. At first sight it appears that it can not be edited for rebroadcast.

**Education:** **Bill/K9ZD** - Only one student showed up for the technician class, so the class was called off. Bill is going to help the one person who showed up get his license. The consensus of those present is that we should still have the **OVH VE session** on December 1.

**Club Emergency Coordinator:** **Brian/N8FK** - Brian contacted the Chamber of Commerce about the **Christmas parade**. He's having trouble contacting the people. If we are going to do a float, we need to decide by Nov. 7. No decision was made on the float, and there did not seem to be much enthusiasm at the meeting. The **parade date is December 7**.

**ARES:** **David/KG4GIY** - David thanked everyone who participated in the **Diabetes Association Walk** on the Manassas National Battlefield. David also thanked everyone who is helping with the **Marine Corps Marathon**.

At one point in time, there was a "**National Capital Area Council**" that acted as a mutual support aid or clearing house for "disasters" in the Washington DC area. That organization fell apart with the "VA events." Shortly after **Sept 11**, 2001, an E-mail list was started to the ECs to try and reform the former area council. At the FAR Fest, there was some dialogue with the VA ECs to put back together this **mutual aid and support organization**. We're in the early stages of this. There will be another meeting November and guidelines, frequencies, the ability of hams from other jurisdictions to assist in other organizations will be established. David noted that Maryland has had some recent problems with La Plata and Kensington. The goal is to be able to do **regional support** for one another. There will be some further information in Autocall.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Ruth/KU4WH** - Ruth read the details from the Treasurer's report, and the report passed.

**Historian:** **Bill/K9ZD** - We have a volunteer, **Theresa Grogg/KG4TVM**.

**JOTA:** **Bill/K9ZD** - We had **three stations**. We made some contacts in **Europe**. The event was successful. Thanks to everyone who helped.

**Membership:** **Charlotte/KG4QXO** - Read in **Harold Shilling/K4OPS**. Three new members voted on: **Karl Berger/W4KRL**, **Noel Wolber/NW5N**, and **Wayne Kline/KG4URN** were voted in. **All** were **approved** by the membership present. **Welcome Karl, Noel and Wayne** to the Ole' Virginia Hams.

**Repeaters:** **Art/KW4AW** - The repeaters are **mostly o.k.** We have had a new amplifier donated to us.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the **September** 2002 meeting was **passed** with **one minor correction**. (The call sign of Wayne Kline changed from KE4URN to KG4URN.)

### New Business:

**Butch/N4HJL** - **John/N4WJN** **resigned** as a director of OVH. We need to nominate a new board member. We asked **Jack/N4YIC** to replace John. Butch made a motion, and the motion passed, so Jack/N4YIC is the **new board member**. Thank you Jack for your willingness to serve on the OVH Board.

**Brian/N8FK** - OVH member **Nick/N3WG**, who was a **very active** young member of OVH, **moved** to Los Angeles California. His **phone number** is (818) 776-9810. Brian read a letter from Nick addresses to all OVH members at the meeting.

**Ken/KB4OZH**- Edited the autopatch **procedures** in the membership packet to indicate that we **should not read** the autopatch **over the air**.

**Art/KW4AW** - Art asked if we want to come up with an established OVH logo for a sticker, bumper sticker or magnets.

**Science Book: Lloyd/N4OOM** gave a brief talk about the book planet - PLANET X, COMETS and EARTH CHANGES by James M. McCanney.

**Paul/N2PJ** submitted his name as a **JOTA rep**.

**Tom/WA2QAL** contacted four Baltimore HR clubs regarding the **Railroad Historical** event to be held next summer. Tom had good response from the clubs. The excursions have not been finalized yet.

### **Break**

**Bill/K9ZD** played a **video tape** on the early days of Amateur Radio. The video covered the trials that amateurs once had to go through to make **DX** contacts. The part on using **600 volts of DC** to power the transmitter really raised eyebrows of all OVH members present. All present agreed that the "old days" are very interesting, and also acknowledged that that things are much easier these days. Thank you Bill for providing a very interesting video of amateur radio in its early stages.

The **meeting adjourned** at 2147 Eastern Time.

## **New OVH Historian**

Hi, this is **Theresa Grogg/KG4TVM**, I currently live just outside of Winchester, it's hard for me to get to an OVH meeting on Monday evenings. I would appreciate it if members could email me if they have **any** articles or information, **the older the better!!!!** I would like to put together some kind of a book with something included for each year the OVH has been in existence (newspaper articles, magazine articles, first hand stories, etc.).

The best way to reach me is by email at [kg4tvm@hotmail.com](mailto:kg4tvm@hotmail.com), I'm usually in Manassas on the weekends so I could make arrangements to meet with anyone that would be interested in providing any information.

Thank you

**Theresa/ KG4TVM**



**ARRL International Humanitarian Award Nominations Close December 31:** (Nov 13, 2002) -- Nominations close December 31 for the 2002 ARRL International Humanitarian Award. The award is dedicated to an amateurs or amateur group devoted to promoting human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster.  
From ARRL Web Site



**IARU Administrative Council Continues WRC-2003 Preparations** (Nov 12, 2002) -- Preparations for next year's World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03) dominated discussions during the annual meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Administrative Council. The gathering, November 7-8 in San Marino, reviewed WRC-03 agenda items of importance to amateurs, including harmonization of amateur and broadcasting allocations in the vicinity of 7 MHz. Several of those attending the San Marino session will be heading directly to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Conference Preparatory Meeting in Geneva November 18-29.  
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## SUNSHINE CORNER

Congratulations to **Butch/W4HJL**, who has **retired!** Finally, time for radio!!!

Happy Birthday to our friends: **Mike/N3NVF**, **Butch/W4HJL** (ah, retirement was a birthday present!), **Charlotte/KG4QXO**, **Charlie/WA4YGI**, **Theresa/KG4TVM**, **John/KG4QXL**, **Gene/KD4RHC**, **Ken/KM4UH**, **Tom/WA2QAL**, **Michael/N4REI**, **Doug/AG4KD**, and **Joe/AB4QV**. I hope each of you has a **GREAT** day!

Congratulations to **Mike/N3NVF**, who has upgraded to **General** class. Good job! Welcome to **Karl/W4KRL**, **Wayne/KG4URN**, and **Noel/NW5N**. Nice to have you join our club!

I hope everyone has a good autumn, and finds something to be thankful for -- enjoy life, and **enjoy Ham Radio!**

**Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW**

### **YL SYSTEM**



**YL System to celebrate 40th anniversary:** The [YL International SSB System](#) will turn 40 years old on February 9, 2003. Founded by Vera Mayree Tallman, K4ICA (SK), the YL System now is approaching 16,000 members of both sexes. "We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary the entire year with many events including on the air contests, new awards, photo contests, mini conventions and more," said YL System Public Relations Officer Richard MacWilliams, K3CDQ. "In addition, we have very many new members who are looking for DX contacts for System awards as well as DXCC and other ARRL awards." MacWilliams says he hopes YL SSB members will get on the 14.332 MHz net frequency to meet new members as well as the veterans and net regulars. "The ISSB number you were issued is a lifetime number. Once a member, always a member," MacWilliams added. If you do not remember your ISSB number, e-mail [MacWilliams](#), and he'll look it up and e-mail it back to you. Steve Watson, WB4ILS, reports the YL System has "adopted" the members of the Shelbyville Central High School Amateur Radio Club, KG4RHC, in Tennessee. "The YL System has adopted these kids and talks with them every week on the air to help them develop their radio skills and become more confident," Watson said. Next year's anniversary convention will be a cruise to Grand Cayman Island. Contact KU7F for cruise information. The annual QSO parties are February 15-16, 2003

(CW) and March 15-16 (SSB). More information is available on the [YL System](#) Web site.

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Standing next to the hallway display, (front row, L-R) Brian Hite, KC8UFX; Jessica Pearson, KC8UGC; Brooke Butler, KC8UFW; Teresa Reichenbaugh, KC8UGA; (second row, L-R) Garrett Perrella, KC8UFY; Adam Strider, KC8UGO; and teacher Bob Johnson, KF8I. (Johnson says his two former eighth graders, now attending high school, were not included in the middle school's display.)

### **West Virginia school recognizes students for becoming licensees:**

Thanks to the efforts of teacher Bob Johnson, KF8I, eight youngsters in grades six through eight at Musselman Middle School in Bunker Hill, West Virginia (near Martinsburg) now have their Technician tickets. The school recently recognized the students' accomplishment with a hallway display. Johnson says most of the youngsters--students are in the school's gifted program--now are working on upgrading to General. "Late last fall, I decided to take my equipment to school to give variation to the kid's learning activities," Johnson said. The operators they spoke with often asked the students if they were planning to get their own licenses. "After so many times of being asked, several of them started answering 'yes' and wanted me to help them get their licenses," he said. So, Johnson began a weekly after-school Technician class last March that met for about 12 weeks. He'd planned for the youngsters to take their tests in the fall, but they were eager to get licensed before the school year closed. As it turned out, they were able to take advantage of test sessions in Virginia in June. "Of the eight kids who got their licenses, two were in the eighth grade, two were in the seventh grade, and four were in the sixth grade," he said. Johnson reports he already has a fresh crop of seven sixth graders and two eighth graders meeting weekly to study for their Technician tickets.

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**Killer Tornadoes Rally ARES Teams in Several Eastern States** (Nov 11, 2002) -- Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) teams in several states have activated following an outbreak of severe weather November 10. Characterized as the worst rash of tornadoes in the US in years, the twisters left behind more than 30 people dead, dozens injured and widespread property damage. Tennessee, Alabama and Ohio were among the states hardest hit, but the swath of violent weather and the tornadoes it spawned also affected Mississippi, Kentucky and Pennsylvania as well as parts of the Virginias. Reports from ARES teams in the affected states are still trickling in.

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**November Level I ARRL Emergency Communications Course registration closed** (Nov 7, 2002) -- All 300 seats available in November for the Level I ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course (EC-001) have been filled, and registration has been closed for the month. We appreciate your interest and support. If you were not able to enroll at this time, please be patient. New classes open every month. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) page on the ARRL Web site and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, [k3uufg@arrl.org](mailto:k3uufg@arrl.org).

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**US Army MARS Operation Holidays Now in 12th Year** (Nov 6, 2002) -- The holiday season offers plenty of opportunity for good deeds by hams in general and members of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) in particular. "Operation Holidays," sponsored by US Army MARS, marks its 12th year in 2002. The program offers the chance for families and loved ones to send US servicemen away from home free MARSgrams and phone patches. In addition, "any servicemember" messages also will be delivered to selected overseas bases, and "any veteran" messages now can be sent to veterans in participating Veterans' Administration hospitals. The "any veteran" program inaugurated in Michigan and California two years ago is the newest wrinkle in MARS morale and welfare traffic.

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**Two Hams in US House, HR 4720 Sponsor, Most Cosponsors Survive Election** (Nov 6, 2002) -- The only two Amateur Radio operators in the US House of Representatives as well as the sponsor and most cosponsors of the CC&R bill, HR 4720, were returned to office in this week's mid-term election. HR 4720 sponsor, Rep Steve Israel--a New York Democrat--beat back a challenge from Joseph P. Finley in that state's second congressional district. An original HR 4720 cosponsor, Texas Republican Rep Pete Sessions, of the 32nd congressional district, defeated Democratic challenger Pauline K. Dixon.

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**ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration** (Nov 8, 2002) -- Registration for the ARRL Level II Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (EC-002) and Antenna Modeling (EC-004) courses opens Monday, November 11, 4 PM Eastern Standard Time (2100 UTC). Registration will remain open through Sunday, November 17. Classes begin November 18. A new ARRL RFI course is undergoing beta testing for planned registration in

January 2003. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) Web page and the C-CE Links found there. For more information, contact Certification and Continuing Education Program Coordinator Howard Robins, W1HSR, [mailto:hrobins@arrl.org](mailto:mailto:hrobins@arrl.org).

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