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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

NOVEMBER 2004

Next meeting: November 15, 2004

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

(Editor)

Greetings to all OVHer's:

The next meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams will be held on Monday, November 15t at the NOVEC Technical Center in Gainesville, VA at 8 PM. At our meeting we will be having a speaker. His name is Dick Daniels and he is with AMSAT. His presentation will be on the launch of the amateur radio satellite ECHO. It promises to be a very interesting presentation.

Hope to see everyone there.

73 for now,

Ruth/KU4WH

Permanent ISS Amateur Radio Station, Human Crews Share Fourth Anniversary



(Nov 4, 2004) -- Four years ago this week, the Expedition 1 crew arrived aboard the International Space Station, home of the first permanent Amateur Radio station in space. Just weeks earlier, the FCC granted the station's distinctive NA1SS call sign.

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Thursdays - 8:00 PM	RUTH	331-1234
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HAMFEST 2004

David Lane	KG4GIY	361-3042
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FIELD DAY 2004

Brian	WC4J	257-9545
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EDUCATION

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HOME PAGE

Bill	N3OH	590-9562
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JOTA

Paul	N2PJ	330-0796
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LEGAL

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John Zorger	WA1STU	754-2378
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NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
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PROGRAM'S

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PUBLICITY

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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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 Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting

October 18, 2004

John/KG4NXT called meeting to order at 2001 Eastern time.

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 24 **OVH members** present.

PRESENTATION

OVH member **Mark Braunstein/WA4KFZ** gave a presentation on **Digital Signal Processing**, or DSP. Mark discussed exactly what a DSP or "software based" radio is and the advantages and disadvantages of these radios. In his presentation, Mark did an excellent job of balancing the technical details of DSP along with "intuitive" explanations of this technology. Thank you Mark for your presentation on DSP.

BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES – The minutes of the September 2004 OVH meeting were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The Treasurer's report was presented by **Bill/N3OH**.

REPEATERS – **Butch/W4HJL** - The repeaters are working very well. In November, work will be done on the 440 repeater.

WEEKLY NETS – **John/KG4NXT** – The Nets are going well. **David/KI4AZX** will be managing the OVH net. Thank you David for your help with the OVH Net.

ARES – **Brian/NC4J** – We need someone to coordinate the Manassas Christmas Parade. There is still a need for more radio operators for the Marine Corps Marathon this Sunday, October 31.

PACKET / WEBPAGE – **Bill/N3OH** – Since Bill's callsign has changed, there are changes in the packet callsigns. Send Bill and E-mail and he can get the changes that you need. The OVH webpage is working well and Bill is making some enhancements.

HISTORIAN – **Theresa/KG4TVM** - We now have a special events log form to tell who participated in various events, and give a description of what occurred at OVH events. This form will help with record keeping and historical purposes.

JOTA – **Butch/W4HJL** – We had a great turnout at **JOTA** of both scouts and OVH volunteers. Thanks go to all who participated.

BREAK

George/K4GVT presided over a general discussion on BPL. George had a recording showing that BPL practically wiped out the signals of **WWV** on 5 and 10 MZ. There was significant noise at 15 MZ, but the **WWV** station was audible. A recording showed that one conversation on 40M had significant BPL noise and interference. Another recording on 40M showed that noise covered up an otherwise audible S9 conversation. Thank you George and other members of the OVH who have helped with the BPL issue.

50/50 – **John/WA1STU** won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$30 was collected, and John took home \$15 and the Club collected \$15.

The meeting adjourned at 2133 Eastern Time.

73s **Phil/AC4PL**

SUNSHINE CORNER

Bill South found his new Extra Class Call – it is N3OH!!

Happy Birthday to our friends and fellow Hams == ButchW4HJL, Mark WA4KFZ, Charlotte KG4QXO, Charlie WA4YGI, Theresa KG4TVM, Gene KD4RHC, Ken KM4UH, Wayne N7QLK, Tom WA2QAL, and Joe AB4QV. Wish each of them a great day!

Happy Thanksgiving!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

2004 JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

On October 16th, the “Ole Virginia Hams” Amateur Radio Club and the Urbanna Swim Club co-hosted Manassas area Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Webelos to participate in the 2004 “Jamboree On The Air” (JOTA.) Three temporary high frequency amateur radio stations and a CW practice site were established at the Urbanna Swim Club and our lads spoke with other Scouts and interesting amateur radio operators in various foreign countries and around the United States.



Don Blasdell/W4HJL, contacts a station so the boys can talk. Scouts from Troops #1195, #884 #1182 and #1384 attended.

More than 400,000 excited Scouts worldwide participate in Scouting’s annual JOTA, with some using the opportunity to earn Radio Merit Badges for their efforts.

Cookies and sodas were available for everyone. It proved to be both a fun-filled and educational day for everyone involved, and the Scouts are already looking forward eagerly to JOTA 2005.

Don Blasdell/W4HJL, John Zorger/WA1STU, Ken Coghill/WB4ZOH, Al Dugas/KB4BHB, Dwight Agnew/N4GSD, Wayne Kline/AG4ZZ, and Brian Cochran/WC4J enjoyed assisting Scouting Committee Chairman **Paul James/N2PJ** in this year’s event.

Special Operating Events
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November

Whitefish Point, MI: Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, N8F. 1700Z **Nov 4**-1700Z **Nov 7**. Remembering the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, lost November 10, 1975. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Richard Barker, W8VS, 264 N East St, Brighton, MI 48116. www.qsl.net/w8njh.

Portsmouth, VA: USCG Auxiliary Ham Radio Ops of Tidewater, N4I. 1300Z **Nov 5**-2100Z **Nov 6**. International Search & Rescue Competition. 146.52 14.255 7.255 3.945. Certificate. Richard Cook, AB4U, 14288 Riverside Dr, Ashland, VA 23005. www.international SAR.com.

Knokke-Heist, Belgium: UBA Section ONZ, ON60CLM. 1200Z **Nov 5**-1200Z **Nov 9**. Liberation of our town in 1944 by allied forces--60th Canadian Liberation March. 28.545 21.245 14.145 7.045. Certificate. ON60CLM, Rijks-wachtlaan 37, Postbox 1006, B-8300 Knokke-Heist, Belgium. www.on4clm.be.

Butler, PA: Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX. 1200Z-1700Z **Nov 6**. Veterans Day. General bands 80 to 10. QSL. BCARA, PO Box 1787, Butler, PA 16003.

Bonita Springs, FL: US Coast Guard Auxiliary Wiggins Pass, FL, W4W. 1300Z-2100Z **Nov 6**. US CG Auxiliary 65th and Canadian CG Aux 26th anniversaries. 28.380 21.375 14.275 7.275. QSL. Merle Zeek, W4MWZ, 86 8th St, Bonita Springs, FL 34134-7452.

Cincinnati, OH: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W8C. 1400Z-2100Z **Nov 6**. Div 5 8ER commemorating USCGA 65th anniversary and ISAR. 28.405 21.405 14.345 7.240. QSL. Dave Stroup, 6095 Drum Hill Ln, Milford, OH 45150-2275. www.uscgaux.org/~08205/.

Cheverly, MD: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3A. 1400Z-2100Z **Nov 6**. 65th anniversary of USCGA. 28.350 21.340 14.280 7.282. QSL. W. Joe Saunders, K3UAL, 1520 Jutewood Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20785.

Escondido, CA: US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 11S, N6C. 1600Z-2300Z **Nov 6**. USCG Auxiliary 65th and Canadian CG Auxiliary 26th anniversaries and ISAR event. 21.350 14.250 14.070 7.250. QSL. Ed Cooper, N6NP, 611 Maze Glen, Escondido, CA 92025.

Flowery Branch, GA: United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 2, District 7, W4B. 1400Z-2200Z **Nov 6**. Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the 26th anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. 21.375 14.275 7.275. QSL. Albert Miles, KG4VIB, 3325 Rangers Gate Dr, Marietta, GA 30062.

Marco Island, FL: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 7, N2K. 1300Z-2100Z **Nov 6**. USCGAUX 65th anniversary ISAR 2004. 28.325 21.310 14.330 7.250. QSL. Robert B. Witte, PO Box 1814, Marco Island, FL 34146.

Media, PA: US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. 1300Z-2100Z **Nov 6**. 65th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.

Raymond, ME: US Coast Guard Auxiliary D-1NR Radio Raymond, K1G. 0900Z-1600Z **Nov 6**. 65th anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary and the International SAR Competition 2004 (N41). 28.320 21.315 14.310 14.250 7.262 7.250 146.520. Certificate. Keith C. Morton, W1NKH, PO Box 809, Raymond, ME 04071-0809.

St Thomas, VI: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N2A. 1300Z-2000Z **Nov 6**. 65th Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.320 21.310 14.260. QSL. Deborah Thomas, PO Box 9280, St Thomas, VI 00801.

Baton Rouge, LA: USS *Kidd* ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z-2300Z **Nov 11**. Veterans Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS *Kidd* Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Nutley, NJ: Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. 1200Z-2200Z **Nov 11**. CQ Veterans Day. 449.975 28.460 14.260. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

Marysville, KS: Marshall County Amateur Radio Club, W0GCJ. 1400Z **Nov 11**-0500Z **Nov 12**. 150th anniversary of Marysville and the 1st KS Territory Post Office. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. David Crawford, 905 Pomerory, Blue Rapids, KS 66411. www.qsl.net/w0gcj/event.htm.

Albuquerque, NM: Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club, N5VA. 1500Z **Nov 11**-0300Z **Nov 12**. Commemorating Veterans Day at VA Hospital. 28.460 21.360 14.260 7.250. QSL. Thomas R. Lea, 1009 Clancy Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. www.qsl.net/albuquerquearc/index.html.

Arlington Heights, IL: Armored Force Amateur Radio Net, KA9NLX. 1800Z **Nov 11**-2200Z **Nov 14**. Veterans Day. 21.375 14.325 7.283 7.040. Certificate. John Paskevycz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. jpaskev@aol.com.

Madison, MN: West Central Minneota Amateur Radio Club, K0D. 1400Z-2200Z **Nov 13**. Annual Norsefest (Lutefisk) Celebration. 28.450 21.350 14.260 7.260. Certificate. WA0KNP, 221 10th Ave, Madison, MN 56256.

Stuart, FL: Martin County Amateur Radio Association, K4ZK. 1300Z-1800Z **Nov 13**. 30th anniversary of MCARA. 14.253. Certificate. MCARA, PO Box 1901, Stuart, FL 34995.

Waterloo, IA: Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. 1500Z **Nov 13**-2200Z **Nov 13**. Anniversary of the loss of USS *Juneau* and the 5 brothers. 146.340 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703.

San Antonio, TX: San Antonio Radio Club, W5SC. 0000Z **Nov 13**-0600Z **Nov 14**. *Coral-Gold*: San Antonio Radio Club's 85th anniversary. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Steve Cerwin, 1619 CR 270, Mico, TX 78056. www.w5sc.org.

Little Rock, AR: Central Arkansas Radio Emergency Net, W5C. 1500Z **Nov 13**-2200Z **Nov 14**. William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library dedication. 21.360 14.260 14.040 7.250. Certificate. Dennis Schaefer, 181 Schaefer Dr, Dover, AR 72837. www.arkansashams.org

Hackensack, NJ: WW2 Submarine USS *Ling*, NX2ND. 1300Z-2100Z **Nov 14**. 4th anniversary of NX2ND/USS *Ling*. 21.380 14.280 14.055 7.040. Certificate. Bill Stagg, KC2BLN, 38 Rutgers Dr, Oakland, NJ 07436. www.10-70.org.

Paulden, AZ: Yavapai Amateur Radio Club, K7NRA. 1500Z-2400Z **Nov 17**. From Gunsite Academy to celebrate NRA's 133rd birthday. 28.440 21.340 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Mike Campbell, K7NRA, 404 Lampliter Village, Clarkdale, AZ 86324. www.w7vrc.org/specevent.htm.

Joplin, MO: Joplin Amateur Radio Club, W0IN. 1900Z-2300Z **Nov 20**. Letha Dangerfield, W0OUD, Commemorative Special Event Station from the Joplin Association for the Blind. SSB: 14.260 CW 15 40 m. QSL. Joplin Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 2983, Joplin, MO 64803. www.joplin-arc.org.

The Villages, FL: The Villages Amateur Radio Club, K4VRC. 1600Z-2100Z **Nov 27**. Celebrating the Club's Ninth Anniversary. 14.260 7.030 147.030(+) Gen bands. Certificate. Don Edlund, 9616 SE 168 Elderberry Pl, The Villages, FL 32162.

Various, USA: 10-10 International, W6OI. 0000Z **Nov 27**-2400Z **Nov 28**. Celebrating four decades and just under 75000 members in all 10 call areas. 28.340-28.400. QSL. Jack Moore, K5CC, 371 Ridge Creek Ln, Bulverde, TX 78163. Certificate for working all areas. www.10-10.org.

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06-Nov-2004

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PALMER PARK, MD 20785

13-Nov-2004

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VEC: [Laurel VEC](http://www.LaurelVEC.com)
Location: AARC CLUBHOUSE
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14-Nov-2004

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VEC: ARRL/VEC
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231 E PICCADILLY ST
PRE-REGISTRATION URGED
WINCHESTER, VA 22601

20-Nov-2004

Sponsor: LAUREL ARC VEC
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VEC: [Laurel VEC](http://LaurelVEC)
Location:
384 MAIN ST
LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
LAUREL, MD 20707

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(434)974-7388
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: UNIV OF VA
530 MCCORMICK RD
ASTRONOMY BLDG-ROOM 201
COR MCCORMICK&ALDERMAN
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22904

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DAYTON, VA 22821

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11-Dec-2004

Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC
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VEC: [Laurel VEC](http://LaurelVEC)
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RICHMOND, VA 23228

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MADISON, VA 22727

11-Dec-2004

Sponsor: SOUTHERN PA COMM GROUP VE TEAM
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
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12-Dec-2004

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA
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14-Dec-2004
Sponsor: YORK HAMFEST FOUNDATION
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ADAMS ELEC CO-OP MTG RM

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YORK, PA 17404

19-Dec-2004
Sponsor: RAPPAHANNOCK VE GROUP
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STAFFORD, VA 22554

ARRL Repeats Call for Shutdown of Arizona BPL Field Trial



(Oct 21, 2004) -- The ARRL again has asked the FCC to immediately shut down a broadband over power line (BPL) field trial in the Cottonwood, Arizona, area that it says is interfering with Amateur Radio communication. The League's second shutdown request, sent October 11, accuses the FCC of doing "absolutely nothing" to enforce its rules or to protect licensed services from interference.

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FCC Acknowledges Interference Potential of BPL as it Okays Rules to Deploy It



(Oct 14, 2004) -- As expected, the FCC has approved revised Part 15 (unlicensed services) rules to specifically regulate the deployment of broadband over power line (BPL) technology. The Commission adopted a *Report and Order* in ET Docket 04-37 when it met in open session today.

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Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration



(Oct 22, 2004) -- Seats are still available for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level III on-line course (EC-003). Registration will remain open through the October 23-24 weekend. Amateurs aged 55 and older are strongly encouraged to participate. Class begins Friday, November 5. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

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Expedition 9 Crew Ready to Leave; Expedition 10 Commander Ready to Vote



(Oct 22, 2004) -- "I hereby accept command of the International Space Station." With those words and the traditional ringing of the ISS bell, Expedition 10 Commander Leroy Chiao, KE5BRW, and ISS Flight Engineer Salizhan Sharipov today formally took the reins of the space station.

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Draft Bandwidth Petition, BPL Focus of ARRL Executive Committee Meeting



(Oct 21, 2004) -- Meeting October 16 in Dallas, Texas, the ARRL Executive Committee (EC) devoted much of its fall session to a discussion of comments received on ARRL's draft FCC petition seeking regulation of subbands by bandwidth rather than by emission mode. The EC also authorized the filing of a Petition for Reconsideration in response to the BPL Report and Order (R&O) in ET Docket 04-37, which the FCC adopted October 14. Responding to a synopsis of the bandwidth petition and proposed rule changes posted on the ARRL Web site, several hundred League members and others in the worldwide ham radio community offered comments and suggestions.

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Deadline is December 31 for ARRL WAS/90 Award



(Oct 6, 2004) -- There's still time to make your 50 contacts to qualify for the ARRL Worked All States in the 90th Award. No QSLs are necessary. Just fill out the application showing the contacts you've logged. To be valid for the award, all contacts must be made between 0000 UTC on April 3, 2004, and 2359 UTC on December 31, 2004. WAS in the 90th applications will be accepted through 2005.

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Morse code is a communication mode that just won't die



(Oct 21, 2004) -- Morse code is a means of communicating that "just won't die," is the message of a BBC News Online article this week. The article notes that while maritime interests stopped using the code years ago and that Amateur Radio applicants in the UK no longer have to pass a code test to obtain a license, "a dedicated band of amateurs" and a large number of people with disabilities are helping to keep the code alive. "Tapping out dots and dashes can sometimes be easier for people with physical or speech impediments," the report said. It cites John Hammond of the UK's Radio Amateurs Invalid and Blind Association, who points out that some radio users employ Morse keys modified to suit their disabilities.

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AMSAT asks FCC to stay implementation of new Part 97 orbital debris rules



(Oct 21, 2004) -- AMSAT-NA has filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the FCC's recent Second Report and Order (R&O) in its "Mitigation of Orbital Debris" proceeding, IB docket 02-54, as it relates to changes in Part 97 Amateur Service rules. The new rules appeared September 9 in the Federal Register. In general, they require submission of an "orbital debris mitigation plan" to the FCC with each space station license application. AMSAT wants the Commission to stay the effective date of the new rules, which has not been announced. It's also requested that the Commission delay action on any orbital debris-related provisions that might result from the FCC "omnibus" Notice of Proposed Rule Making in WT Docket 04-140 until final action has been taken on AMSAT's Petition for Reconsideration. In the "omnibus" proceeding, the FCC sought comment on what actions it should take if it is presented with an orbital debris mitigation plan that "raises concerns as to the debris mitigation practices of an Amateur Service space station" and on whether it should require an affirmative prior approval of Amateur Service space station launches and operations. AMSAT questioned the FCC's authority to implement such rules. It also contended that the revised §97.207(g) as adopted in its recent R&O "would cause irreparable harm" to those responsible for building and funding the many Amateur Radio satellite projects currently in the design or construction stage. "It would, in effect, put such projects in limbo indefinitely," AMSAT asserted. Projects that already have launch contracts could be in "serious jeopardy" in meeting their launch commitments, likely resulting in substantial additional costs and delay. Further, AMSAT says, the new rule does not spell out what would constitute an orbital debris mitigation plan that the FCC would find acceptable.

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AT&T, Pacific Gas and Electric Dissolve BPL Partnership



(Oct 21, 2004) -- A BPL field trial in Menlo Park, California, where FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell had extolled the technology's virtues earlier this year, has been aborted before getting very far off the ground. The demonstration of BPL technology was co-sponsored by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and AT&T.

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Amateurs support hospital communications during telecommunications outage



(Oct 20, 2004) -- When construction equipment accidentally severed two telecommunications trunk lines serving Tustin Hospital and Medical Center (THMC) in California on October 6, the hospital knew just whom to call. Members of the Orange County Hospital Disaster Support Communication System (HDSCS) responded promptly to fill in, as the 177-bed facility suddenly found itself without telephone, e-mail, fax, fire alarms or paging service. The initial seven HDSCS responders eventually grew to two dozen over the course of the 16-hour outage that began in the late afternoon and continued until the following morning. April Moell, WA6OPS (photo), and two other fixed-stations handled incoming and outgoing telephone calls on behalf of THMC. Message traffic began to flow as soon as HDSCS operators got to their assigned stations, and hospital staffers re-established links with patients' physicians on the outside. "Although we have participated in numerous drills at THMC in the past, some newer employees were unfamiliar with

Amateur Radio's capability," said Moell, who founded the 80-member ARES group in 1980. "They seemed amazed that HDSCS support has been completely free of cost to them. It's a true community service." HDSCS has agreements to provide backup communication to 34 acute-care medical facilities in Orange County. This month's activation marked the 85th in HDSCS' history for a hospital communication failure and the fifth emergency activation this year.

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Albuquerque to host USA ARDF Championship



(Oct 20, 2004) -- The USA Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championship will return to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2005. The Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club (AARC) has been selected to host the fifth annual USA ARDF Championship next August (tentative dates are August 1-5). The AARC sponsored the first USA ARDF Championship in 2001. ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, reports the 2-meter and 80-meter competition courses will be open to anyone--with or without a ham license. Competitors will

be divided into five age categories for males and four for females, with medals for top finishers in each category. Winners may earn positions on ARDF Team USA to the 2006 World Championships in Bulgaria. The 2005 USA ARDF Championship organizers are now conducting an informal survey to get a preliminary head count of attendees for planning purposes. For more information and to indicate your interest, visit Moell's Homing In Web site.

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John Belrose, VE2CV, wins October QST Cover Plaque Award



(Nov 1, 2004) -- The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for October is John S. Belrose, VE2CV, for his article "On the Quest for an Ideal Antenna Tuner." Congratulations, John! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author or authors of the best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL members. Voting takes place each month on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page. Cast a ballot for your favorite article in the November issue of QST. Voting ends November 30.

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ARRL holiday toy drive for Florida youngsters in full swing



(Oct 22, 2004) -- Ham radio clubs and individual amateurs across the US have indicated they'll be taking part in ARRL's recently announced nationwide holiday toy drive to benefit children in Florida displaced or left homeless in the wake of recent hurricanes.

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First Australia-US QSO took place 80 years ago



(Oct 29, 2004) -- The Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) notes that the first direct two-way radio communication between Australia and the US occurred 80 years ago on November 3, 1924.

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N4MC's Vanity HQ Web site to go dark



(Oct 29, 2004) -- Mike Carroll, N4MC, has announced that he no longer is supporting his [Vanity HQ](#) Web site "At some point in the near future, the [www.vanityhq.com](#) domain will no longer be active," he said in an announcement on the site. "This is not an action based upon lack of funding, but a shift in my priorities. Thanks to all!" Over the past several years, the Vanity HQ site often has been the first stop for

those interested in obtaining an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. Among other information, it has provided a list of recently issued vanity call signs as well as available call signs and active vanity call sign applications. Carroll announced in February that the popular site's future viability was hanging by a thread, and he indicated then that he'd eventually have to pull the plug on the site.

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FCC Fines CB Operator-Amateur Licensee, CB Shop



(Oct 29, 2004) -- The FCC has imposed large fines on a Washington CB operator who now holds a Technician class amateur license and on an Ohio CB shop. In an October 18 *Forfeiture Order NOF*, the Commission levied a \$10,000 fine on Robert A. Spiry, now KD7TRB, of Tacoma, for unauthorized operation on 11 meters that also involved the use of uncertificated equipment and the use of an illegal external RF power amplifier. The alleged violations occurred in 2002.

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BRITISH AMATEURS GET ADDITIONAL 100 kHz ON 40 METERS OCTOBER 31

Starting at 0100 UTC October 31, the 40 meter band in the British Isles will effectively double in size when radio amateurs there gain access to 7100 to 7200 kHz. Ofcom, the UK telecommunications regulatory authority, announced the Notice of Variation October 26.

The change, in the works since last year, is a result of actions taken during World Radiocommunication Conference 2003, where conferees agreed to move broadcasters out of 7100 to 7200 kHz in Regions 1 and 3 to make room for the Amateur Service. Coincidentally, the UK band expansion, which also includes independently governed regions where Ofcom regulates telecommunications, will occur just about halfway through the CQ World Wide Contest (SSB) this weekend. Contesters take note!

The Ofcom NOV makes the segment available on a secondary basis, and amateur stations in the UK and affected regions may not cause interference to stations operating in other radio services inside or outside the UK.

The UK and Ofcom-administered regions join the Republic of Ireland—which reportedly gained access October 20--as well as Croatia, Norway and San Marino among Region 1 countries that have authorized access to the additional spectrum on a secondary basis. The WRC-03 change does not formally go into effect until 2009.-thanks to Lawrence Woolf, GJ3RAX; RSGB

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ARRL Expresses Disappointment with Administration over BPL Report and Order



(Nov 1, 2004) -- The ARRL has expressed its disappointment with the current administration's failure "to prevent radio spectrum pollution by BPL systems." In a letter today to Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans copied to President George W. Bush, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, recalled Evans' assurances on the administration's behalf earlier this year "that we are responsible and sensitive to valuable incumbent [radiocommunication] systems.

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USS Salem to activate K1USN for Veterans' Day



(Nov 2, 2004) -- The [USS Salem Radio Club](#) will activate K1USN on Veterans' Day, Thursday, November 11, with operation from the museum ship berthed in the Fore River in Quincy, Massachusetts. A special event QSL card has been created borrowing the design of the official 2004 [Veterans Day](#) poster. K1USN will be active on most Amateur Radio bands on CW and phone, and packet spots would be appreciated. The USS *Salem*, a heavy cruiser commissioned in 1949, will be open to the public. K1USN will QSL all requests received. US stations should include an SASE with their QSLs to Harold "Pi" Pugh. K1RV, 78 Temple St, Abington, MA 02351 DX stations QSL via the W1 QSL Bureau.

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The Tone's the Thing for 2004 ARRL Frequency Measuring Test



(Nov 2, 2004) -- There's a new twist to the ARRL Maxim Memorial Station W1AW Frequency Measuring Test (FMT). The 2004 FMT will take place November 18 starting at 0245 UTC (the evening of Wednesday, November 17, in US time zones), replacing the W1AW phone bulletin normally transmitted then.

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ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration



(Nov 2, 2004) -- Registration for the Technician Licensing course (EC-010) remains open through Sunday, November 7. Classes begin Friday, November 26. With the assistance of a mentor, EC-010 students learn everything they need to know to pass the examination for the entry-level FCC Technician class license. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) Web page or contact the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education

Program Department cce@arrl.org.

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Joyce Judy, KD8HB, is 2004 Ohio Ham of the Year



(Nov 2, 2004) -- Joyce Judy, KD8HB, is the 2004 Ohio Ham of the Year and, as such, the 11th winner of the Allan Severson, AB8P, Memorial Award. Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE, presented the award (photo) to Judy, a former Ohio Section Traffic Manager, who's well known for her work in CW and Ohio traffic handling. The Ohio Ham of the Year award is named for former ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Al Severson, AB8P, who died in 1997. "It is not a resume for which Joyce qualifies for this honor but her daily spirit and manner she takes in traffic handling," said Phillips. "It is a spirit that causes everyone to do more and do better for ham radio--the same special spirit that Al Severson demonstrated daily." Judy, a

traffic-handling specialist on both on phone and CW, was net manager of the Ohio Sunrise Slow Net, later becoming manager of the Buckeye Net--Late. She served as STM from 1992 until 1997. Judy, who lives in Mechanicsburg, remains active as net control and liaison on the Ohio Section and Eighth Region CW nets, is a two-time recipient of the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN) Merit Award and recently earned membership in the ARRL A-1 Operator Club. Phillips says Judy also is an enthusiastic participant in the USA Counties Award ([USA-CA](#)) program sponsored by CQ, and she and her husband travel frequently to "run" counties for other USA-CA fans. In addition, she takes part in many state QSO parties and county hunter CW events. [Scott Yonally, N8SY, Photo]

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Heartneys are having an
OVH Family Holiday Party

DATE: Saturday, December 18, 2004

TIME: 6:00 P.m. to 10:00 P.m.

PLACE: 10535 Cedar Creek Drive,
Manassas

Call (703) 257-3566 if directions are needed

Please bring your favorite holiday dish!

We will be taking donations for the Toys For Tots Campaign. Everything donated will be delivered in the name of OVH. For donations, please bring a new, unwrapped toy. Thank you!!!

happy holidays