

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

## April 2013

### Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2012

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Hello to all and I hope this message finds you all healthy, well and continuing to enjoy our hobby.

April is upon us once again and thoughts turn again to spring and nicer weather, good for outdoor antenna projects we have been putting off all winter on those days that are not too windy.

For the April OVH meeting we will have a presentation by Terry / KC4DV on his new Elecraft KX3 transceiver, a very nifty small and very portable QRP rig available assembled or as a partial kit from Elecraft. I believe Terry put his together from a kit. I am looking forward to the presentation because I have a soft spot for QRP and portable operations due to antenna restrictions where I live.

If you would like your chance to have the spotlight as a presenter at a future meeting, let me know and we can get you scheduled for your chance to shine. It can be about anything that touches on amateur radio or communications in general. It can even be about projects you are planning and would like to have some feedback from the club members about how to make it a reality.

Something I'll be focusing on in the coming months is the back log of projects that the club voted on for action that have hit roadblocks. We have a small bucket list of projects and I'd like to get them done. Once they are complete I'll solicit the club for new project ideas to be added to the bucket. Remember the members of the club set the course my job it to make it happen.

I am reminded again that a few members have not yet renewed their OVH memberships for 2013. Renewal Forms are still posted on the W4OVH.NET web site under Membership Application and a renewal form is included again later in this newsletter. Print out the form, fill it in, and mail it in or bring it to the meeting or renew online! The OVH club web site is starting to have some "Members Only" content; the log in information to access that will be provided only to current members.

I hope all can attend the upcoming OVH meeting on Monday, April 15th at 7:30 PM!

73 Justin KJ4LAS



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## PROGRAMS

TBA

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## SUNSHINE

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday each month at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9930 Liberia Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz or D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz. 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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## Sunshine Corner:

Very happy birthday wishes to many club members this month: Brian / KK4CBS, Ken / KJ4VTP, Robert / KJ4SZJ, Jeff / KB4IWD, Paul / N4PD, Joe / KI4OHR, Steve / KJ4YHA, Chris / KU4FT, Lillian / KK4MXY, David / KI4AZX, Everett / KJ4OLF, Paul / W4ZB, David / KD4DEE, and Roger / KJ4RDJ. WOW -- a lot of candles this month!

Congratulations and way to go to Justin / KJ4LAS, our new club President for holding court on his first monthly club meeting in March! Great job!

Thank you to David / KI4AZX for being the chairperson again for the Tri It Now Mini Tri series that started the 2013 season on Sunday, March 24th. This is such an organized event and a lot of fun to work as well! Thanks to Al / KB4BHB, Clarence / K4CNM, Luther / KJ4FDK, Steve / KB4OF, John / KG4NXT for coming out to work the turns!

Congratulations to Terry / KC4DV on his son Jeremy's engagement, looks like a summer wedding!

Congratulations to Steve / N0DWB on completing his classes for his MBA, that's a great achievement!

OVH Hamfest planning meetings are well under way and it's not too late to attend or sign up for a specific position on the day of the event, please contact Terry / KC4DV!

Don't forget to check-in to our Thursday night net at 8 pm VHF/UHF on the OVH repeaters! Also, consider checking into the OVH informal 80 meter net on Sunday evenings – details on the OVH Nets web page.

If you have news, good or bad, for the Sunshine Corner, please email to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or call me at 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

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## Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting March 18, 2013:

Justin / KJ4LAS, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

Following the Pledge, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 22 OVH members and 5 guests.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report – by Terry / KC4DV approved as read.

Membership – Luther / KJ4FDK presented applications for Eric / KK4NXU and Shannon / KK4NMR to be voted on, both approved.

Repeaters – Keith / KM4AA attended the TMARC meeting in Annandale; they are looking to revamp the system and will have new coordination; also the ARES net last Saturday had very poor reception in Manassas and he would like to see the antenna work moving ahead; Clarence / K4CNM asked for anybody having information on the antenna work to please let him know.

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Training – Mark/ WA4KFZ has the new General class starting April 2nd at the Red Cross Building. Details are on the club web site.

Scholarship – Jim / W4JTP asked about how many and how much for scholarships this year, discussion followed; the OVH will award one scholarship for \$1,000; Jim / W4JTP will notify the high schools.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported on the last hamfest meeting, the red cross tent may not be available for hamfest; next meeting will be April 10th and he will post the updated volunteer list; George / K4GVT has contacted a few vendors and he is asking for the web page to be updated; the paypal button will be added back and the comment section will also be added.

Field Day – Randy / WB7RAV no new information at this time.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM said Happy Birthday to club members and that she worked the Virginia QSO Party with John / KG4NXT.

Web Page – Paul / W4ZB stated that the page is working, some changes have been made and the style and format is expected to be changed in May.

New Business - Theresa / KG4TVM went over the donation requests received in the mail, John / KG4NXT spoke about the upcoming Mini-Tri at the Freedom Center; Terry / WA5NTI attended the AMRAD club presentation and he will bring in a video of the event, Andrea / KG4IUM from the ARRL was the speaker and she has volunteered to come to our Hamfest to organize a youth lounge.

Break

50/50 Art / W1CRO held the winning ticket and donated his \$11 winnings back to the club.

Justin / KJ4LAS asked that you email him if you have items you would like to discuss at future meetings so he can put together an agenda.

Butch / W4HJL thanked the officers for accepting their positions with the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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## Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

### HAMFESTS:

Friday - Sunday, May 17 - 19, 2013, Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. For full details, go to <http://hamvention.org> Check with George / K4GVT who is arranging for some convenient hotel space (which may still be available) in Dayton and may be able to assist with transportation. See also the item below about the Contest University program in Dayton on Thursday, May 16th.

Sunday, June 9, 2013 - The Manassas Hamfest will be put on by the OVH for the 39th time. Reserve this date. More information will follow.

Sunday, August 4, 2013 - Berryville, Virginia Hamfest by the Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club. Relative close by and a good hamfest. More info. at <http://w4rkc.org/hamfest>

### TRAINING SESSIONS / EVENTS & TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

Tuesday evenings (4/2; 4/9; 4/23 and 4/30) in April, 2013 - OVH Training Class for the General License. Email Mark / WA4KFZ at [wa4kfz@cox.net](mailto:wa4kfz@cox.net) for info or go to W4OVH.NET:



Friday - Sunday, April 26 - 28, 2013, 39th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference, Manchester, CT. Full details at <http://www.newsvhf.com/vhfconf.html>

Thursday, May 16, 2013 - Contest University, Dayton, Ohio - one very full day (7:00am- 5:00pm) just before the Dayton Hamvention starts on Friday, May 17th; this excellent program is taught by the best instructors anywhere. It is not just about contest operation; much of the discussion and presentations are about how to setup high performance HF stations, See <http://contestuniversity.com> for details and registration information. Highly recommended by the two OVH members (Russ / N4RP and Paul / W4ZB) who attended in 2012. The presentations and program are different each year.

#### OPERATING EVENTS / CONTESTS:

Saturday - Sunday, June 22-23, 2013 - ARRL / OVH Field Day - exact location to be determined in Manassas or Manassas Park. This is a major fun club event. Save this date. For more info, check back here on the OVH Reflector, also contact OVH Field Day Chairman, Randy / WB7RAV.

There are many operating contests almost all of the time. The excellent web site maintained by WA7BNM at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> lists most of them!

#### PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for latest 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.

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## Spotlight on Members

### This month: Justin / KJ4LAS

I was first licensed on 04/09/2009 and I upgraded to General 07/13/2009 and somehow I passed my Extra exam on 02/16/2010. I'm almost ashamed to say it but I can't work CW to save my life the couple of times I tried I confused just about everyone with both my poor spelling and my lack of skill.

I joined OVH right after I got my technician ticket, and have been a member ever since. I am also a member of the Prince William County ARES team.

My primary focus in Ham radio has always been public service.

I did not have an Elmer, but I know that there are people in the club who know more about Ham Radio than I'll ever know.

I live in an area that is controlled by an HOA, as a result I operate mostly mobile and portable. I have several VHF/UHF mobile rigs (FT-8900 and FT-350); my current HF radio is an FT-817nd. I also seem to be a collector of HT's. In addition to my HAM gear I also have a CB radio and several scanners in my Go bag.

I've worked overnight security at the Manassas Hamfest a couple of times and will be doing so again this year. I have operated in the OVH winter field day event and several parades.

Justin can be reached by email at [darkwingltd@gmail.com](mailto:darkwingltd@gmail.com) and at any of the monthly OVH meetings.



The Manassas Hamfest Committee hard at work on March 13th!



Some of the OVH Members Supporting the Mini-Tri Event - March 24, 2013







Some of the attendees  
at the March 18, 2013  
OVH regular meeting

Make it to the April 15th meeting to hear the talk about the Elecraft KX-3!

Terry / KC4DV will give a presentation about the KX-3 he recently put together and has been using.



Some of the features of the KX-3: 160-6 meters ham bands, SSB/CW/DATA/AM/FM modes, general coverage from 0.5-30 MHz; 10 W PEP (100 W with external KXPA100 amp); Only 1.5 pounds (0.7 kg), Ultra-compact size: 3.4"H x 7.4"W x 1.7"D; Current drain as low as 150 mA on receive; Internal wide-range antenna tuner (ATU) and battery options (8 AA internal); built-in speaker; Advanced DSP provides dual watch, noise reduction, noise blanking, auto-notch, stereo audio effects; Software-defined radio (SDR) architecture plus roofing filters (KXFL3) for excellent dynamic range; Operates in data modes (PSK31/RTTY) with or without a PC; includes RX I/Q soundcard outputs; High-performance 32-bit floating-point DSP, and Low-noise synthesizer with 1-Hz tuning resolution.

Lots more information at <http://elecraft.com> - including operating / operators and assembly manuals.

# RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2013 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”**  
**2013**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2013. 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.

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_

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



NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST  
**Manassas Hamfest**



**AMATEUR RADIO, COMPUTER,  
& ELECTRONICS SHOW**

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

**The "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

(A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio)

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

**Prince William County Fairgrounds**

Large outdoor flea market area, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings, and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112-2720 (Route 234) - TALK-IN 146.97- 442.200+ D-Star 442.5125+

**INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE**

**8-foot tables: \$30\* each**  
with chairs & electricity  
(\$25 if reserved by May 1st)  
*Setup 2-10 PM Saturday*

**GENERAL ADMISSION**

**\$10\* per person at gate**  
(Cutoff date for \$9  
advance Sales May 1st)  
Gates open at 7 AM

**TAILGATING**

**\$10\* per space (admission extra)**  
(Cutoff date for \$9  
advance Sales May 1st)  
Gates open at 6 AM  
*Setup 2-10 PM Saturday*

\* Online ticket sales and vendor registration at [www.manassashamfest.org](http://www.manassashamfest.org)

For our Most Current Vendor List and Ticket Sales Visit our Webpage:

[www.manassashamfest.org](http://www.manassashamfest.org):

**PRIZES**

- Door prizes hourly beginning at 9 AM for those present
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM

**INFORMATION**

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- Virginia Section Managers' Forum
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- "Virginia QSO Party" Awards Ceremony

**ACTIVITIES**

- Check our web page (below) for list of activities

[www.manassashamfest.org](http://www.manassashamfest.org)

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