

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

November 2014

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2014

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Hello to all; I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Halloween and Veterans day. For those who have served let me say: Thank you.

From the email traffic on the OVH email reflector, it seems that topic of Broadband Ham Net (BBHN) is gaining steam and is off to a good start. I look forward to seeing what the group has in store and the great things that they will accomplish.

Speaking of great things I'd like to give a special thank you to Mark / WA4KFZ for his recently ended Technician License Class and to the VE examination team for all their hard work: Al / KB4BHB, Steve / KB4OF, Wayne / N7QLK, Clarence / N4CMN and Byron / AK4XR. As a result, there are nineteen new ham tickets out in our local area - be sure to welcome them all, and take extra steps to help them get started in this great hobby.

On November 22nd, the Prince William County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) will be helping out with the Turkey Trot at Quantico Marine Corps Base (MCB); for those of you interested in joining ARES or participating, there will be a meeting on November 15th; more information can be found at PWCARES.ORG.

On Saturday, December 6th, the OVH will be supporting the Manassas City Christmas Parade with communications. Contact George / K4GVT who is coordinating this and looking for volunteers. Also, be sure to save the date for the OVH's Year End / Christmas Party event which will occur on Sunday, December 14th late afternoon/evening in Manassas. More info about that later in this Newsletter.

I hope to see everyone on the 17th at our new meeting location, main conference room, Manassas Public Works, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia at 7:30 pm.



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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday. In July, 2014, the monthly meeting will be held at the Central Community Library, 8601 Mathis 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 Repeaters 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:

Happy birthday wishes this month to Wayne / N7QLK, Kevin / KA4RNH, Jim / KK4CWO, Baofang / KK4JFK, Theresa / KG4TVM, Butch / W4HJL, Greg / KM4CCG, Gene / KD4RHC, Charlie / WA4YGI and Joe / AB4QV.

Also Happy Veterans Day to all of our active duty and retired military. Thank you very much for your service.

The JOTA event, the Jamboree on the Air of Boy Scouts was held in October at the Braemar Swim Club in Bristow. Great attendance by the Scouts and nearly perfect weather for such an event. Thanks to John / KG4NXT and Wayne / N7QLK for taking their equipment to the event and helping the Scouts to get on the air. Two pictures from the JOTA event below.



Congratulations to all the new hams who attended the VE Session on November 3rd - all applicants at that VE Session passed their exams, 19 applicants total. Mark / WA4KFZ did another outstanding job with his Technician License Class which ended at the end of last month which produced many of the examinees at the VE Session. The VE's at the VE Session were John / KG4NXT, Al / KB4BHB, Clarence / K4CNM, Wayne / N7QLK, Steve / KB4OF and Byron / AK4XR. Two pictures from the VE Session appear later in this Newsletter. All OVH members should do their best to welcome the new licensees and to assist them, if needed, in getting their first ham stations on the air.

The OVH's Year End and Christmas Holiday Party will take place on Sunday, December 14th at the Yorkshire Restaurant in Manassas beginning at 5:30 pm, This is the OVH's premier social event and all members should plan to attend, family members invited too. Please bring a covered dish to share with the group. We will also collect new, unwrapped toys for the TOYS FOR TOTS Campaign. See later in this Newsletter for more details, etc.

The third Hamfest Planning Committee meeting for the 2015 Manassas Hamfest took place earlier this week under the able leadership of Terry / KC4DV. See a photo later in this Newsletter. All members are welcome to attend the next meeting - watch the email reflector or contact Terry.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! If you have any news that you want reported here, contact me.

73 Theresa KG4TVM email: kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting October 20, 2014:

Justin / KJ4LAS called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting was held at the Manassas Public Works Building main conference room.

All present stated their names and call signs. There were 21 members and 5 guests in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as read, motion by Terry / WA5NTI and seconded by Bob / K4HJF.

Treasurer's Report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report, motion by Mark / WA4KFZ, seconded by Terry / WA5NTI, report approved as presented.

Membership – Luther / KJ4FDK presented Ray Knight / KM4EKR who was read in last month; the membership voted him on motion by Luther KJ4FDK and seconded by Theresa / KG4TVM, unanimously approved. Luther / KJ4FDK introduced Mark Miller / KM4EKY who was read in to the club members present.

ARES – No Report this month.

Repeater – As per Tim / KM4TCI work to be done soon.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ – Next class will be testing soon (a group tested and results were published separately).

Scholarship – No report

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported that the Hamfest planning committee met again on October 15th for its second meeting for the 2015 Hamfest. Terry proposed changing the name of the event to the 2015 “Manassas Hamfest and Maker Technology Show” which will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2015 in the coming year. The name change proposal was discussed and voted on, the name change was approved unanimously.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT really would like someone to step up and coordinate the next Field Day Event in late June, 2015. It was really fun and the food was great this year! Contact John for more information.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM wished everyone with a birthday in October and November a happy birthday. This year's JOTA event was held at the Braemar Pool on October 18th and was very well attended. The JOTA group made contact with a station in Finland via Echolink! Separate item: a local Girl Scout unit need some help to set up some radios; contact Theresa / KG4TVM if you can assist.

Web Page – Paul / W4ZB reported that the web pages are up and working well. Information relating to the 2015 Hamfest has already been partially updated and more updating will be done as soon as decisions and more information is forthcoming from the Hamfest Committee. **Cont'd on next page**

4-H / Mesh Network – Terry / WA5NTI said that the 4-H is about to set up a station soon which will include a “Mesh Net Node” setup if possible. Clarence K4CNM said that a 5.8 GHz test was conducted in October and that Woodbridge Wireless is coming on board developing some type of Mesh Net/Broadband Backbone in the future. There is a Ham in the Woodbridge club that can repair routers. With all the discussion about wireless Mesh Nets, Clarence volunteered to lead a new Wireless Committee. Please contact Clarence if you want to get involved.

50-50 Collected \$16 and the winner donated winnings to the scholarship fund. So, \$8 went to General Fund and \$8 went to Scholarship Fund.

Terry / KC4DV presented a program video showing Bobbie Hammarlund’s collection of vintage Hammarlund Radio equipment.

OLD BUSINESS –

Flag issues- Ron / N4RDZ will pursue getting a flag for the next meeting

Emmett / K2DJG will provide a presentation on his new antenna tower that was constructed for \$1 a foot. He also brought up to the group that expired Extras can apply to be reinstated by application monitored by VEC.

New Business –Terry / WA5NTI provided a copy of a document demonstrating the format that could be used to develop a “Strategic Plan” for the OVH. Terry will provide a copy to anyone requesting it by email. Look it over and the contents will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Theresa / KG4TVM and seconded by Allen / WA2GTT. All voted to approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

OVH’S YEAR END / CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY PARTY - SAVE THE DATE:

December 14, 2014, Sunday from 5:30 pm onward. The OVH’s Year End / Christmas / Holiday Party will be held again this year at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Road, Manassas, Virginia. The party will be (again) in the private rooms so enter through the side door of the restaurant. This is the Club’s premier social event; all member and their families are invited to attend for the festivities and to socialize with fellow club members and their families. Main course and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring a potluck side dish to share; also, if possible, a wrapped item for the Toys for Tots collection. Contact Theresa / KG4TVM at kg4tvm@hotmail.com for more information and/or also check in on the OVH’s VHF/UHF nets or OVH email reflector for the latest information.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

December 6, 2014, Saturday - Manassas City Christmas Parade. The OVH will again support communications for this event beginning at 7:00 am. Please contact George / K4GVT to volunteer.

HAMFESTS:

February 7, 2015 - The annual Frostfest Hamfest in Richmond, Virginia will be in a larger hall (than in recent years) at the Richmond Raceway Complex. This is a very popular winter hamfest and is regularly attended by several or more OVH members who often ride in groups; check around or inquire / ask on the OVH’s email reflector if you need a ride. Complete info at <http://www.frostfest.com>

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March 22, 2015 - Vienna Wireless' Winterfest Hamfest at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), 8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale, Virginia This has been a very winter hamfest for many years, but this year it is moving its date back by about a month later than usual into Spring. More information at <http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

OPERATING CONTESTS:

Information about many other operating contests almost every weekend and each month can be found on the WA7BNM's excellent web site at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal>

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

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

Two Images from the VE Examination Session - November 3, 2014



A Picture from the Hamfest Committee Meeting - November 11, 2014



The Hamfest Planning Committee's work as of its third meeting for the 2015 Manassas Hamfest is highly organized and well underway. The plan is to make the 2015 Hamfest even better than one in 2014.

Be sure to save the date for the 2015 Hamfest: June 14, 2015.

The 2015 Manassas Hamfest Flyer appears later in this Newsletter

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO & MAKER TECHNOLOGY SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(Featuring Youth Lounge Activities for the Youngsters Attending!)



Sunday, June 14, 2015

Prince William County Fairgrounds

Large Outdoor and Covered Pavillion flea market areas, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road - Route 234 - Manassas, Virginia -- Talk-In Repeaters on 146.97- and 442.200+

<p>INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE 8-foot tables: \$30* each with chairs & electricity (\$25 if reserved by May 1st) <i>Setup 2-10 PM Saturday</i></p>	<p>GENERAL ADMISSION \$10* per person at gate (Age 18 and younger: no charge) (*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015) Gates open at 7 AM</p>	<p>TAILGATING (admission is extra) Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space Covered Pavillion: \$15 per space (*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015) Gates open at 6 AM</p>
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* Online ticket sales and vendor registration at <http://manassashamfest.org>

For our Most Current Vendor List and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages:

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM (be present to win)
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers attending
- Virginia Section Manager Forum & other Forums
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Virginia QSO Party Awards Ceremony
- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information

ACTIVITIES

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- "Maker" group technology demonstrations
- ARRL style Youth Lounge programs all day for youngsters - by the OVHARC and 4-H
- D-STAR Operating and Q&A Forum
- Amateur Radio Satellite Forum
- BroadBand Ham Networks ("BBHN") Forum
- Virginia QSO Party Awards and Forum
- More Forums to be announced, check web sites

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

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