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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## APRIL 2000

**Next meeting: 17 April 2000**

**Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for  
the Newsletter!!!**

(Editor)

### Message From One of the Directors

**Greetings To All Ole Virginia Hams,**

We'll be almost to mid-April when you receive this. There are many opportunities to volunteer your communication skills and capabilities in public service events. Check with Larry, KA4CTX or Erv, KT4DS for events both within and without our coverage area. The April 15th "Bull Run Run" is upon us along with some "MS Walks" and things continue into May!

Check in to the OVH Net on Thursdays at 2000 local time. NCS Jeff, KV4AP, will have the latest information on public service and special events and contests as well.

The April OVHARC meeting will showcase a presentation by Mike, WV3H, to bring everyone up to date on repeater capabilities. He'll give a demonstration of current features (this may require a cross-band repeater function also, since we'll be out of range from the repeater for hand-held use). We hope this will be a good "memory check" for you all. New autopatch codes will be sent to you soon.

You should check your calendars for the first Sunday in June! If you haven't given a commitment to one of the Hamfest Committee members yet, please give it some thought and volunteer. Front gate ticket sales, tailgate area ticket sales and the OVH members tables can always use more help. This year will be our first attempt to administer license exams during the Hamfest. They'll be held separately at the Bennett Elementary School on Old Dominion Way - across from the fairgrounds. QSO Keith, KM4AA to help with that event if you are a VE and can help. With the new restructuring, and completion of Bill's (K4WRG) latest Technician classes, things might be busier than usual.

If anyone has ideas for meeting programs, or construction projects that you would like to try, pass that info along to one of the club officers - and if you would like to head up the effort, don't be shy. Think about where you want to go and grow with the club and make it known. QRP? EME? Packet? Wireless LANs? PSK31?

Hope to see you at the Tech Center!

Art, KW4AW

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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 – 20 March 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm by **Don "Butch" Blasdell/W4HJL** acting as Chair.

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

**Attendance:** 19 Members and 2 Guests

The past month's minutes and current financial status were approved by the membership.

Committee Reports:

**Hamfest/Scholarships: Jack McDermott/N4YIC** - Vendors are coming on board. The OVH Tailgate table needs staffing; otherwise, the staffing levels are OK. Insurance coverage for Stonewall Jackson for the introduction class has been lined up. Insurance for the VEC tests is pending.

**ARRL tag is "available" for Virginia hams.** VDOT needs 350 people committed to getting the tag produced. There are 150 committed across the state so far. If you are interested in committing, you need to give the Virginia DMV \$20 as if the plate were already available. See Jack for more information.

**Scholarships** are out and waiting for responses. There are 2 @ \$1000 to be selected.

**Membership: MaryLu Blasdell/KB4EFP** - MaryLu handled membership duties while Jeff was out sick. The following were read in: **Daniel Pawlak/KF4KKF**, **Jason Earle/No Call**, and **Glen Smith/KC5UYA**. They will be voted on in the April meeting. **Joe Ford/N6GDX** was voted into the club. The vote was unanimous. **Welcome Joe.**

**License Classes: Bill Hinely/K4WRG** - License classes are ready to go. It starts March 28<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 30th. Information has been posted to the **Web site**. There is no Novice class anymore. The new test will have 380 questions. Contact Bill for more information. Tell your friends, drum up support.

**Repeater: Art Wittum/KW4AW** - We have 3 repeaters. But seriously, Art was checking something on the 40W unit of the 440 repeater and managed to break something in the process, so that has to be repaired. Procrastination reins as Art tries to build a couple of regulator circuits, three tone circuits, three control circuits. Art is going to get some help (with the building the circuits).

**VE Exams** scheduled for the Hamfest will be held at Bennett Elementary School. Directions will be posted to the web site. We have requested space for 80. Tests will be run from 8 am to Noon.

**ARES: Erv Whalen/KT4DS** - Erv handed out some sealed NiCads at the meeting – good for those who use HTs as well as mobile stations.

Events upcoming:

April 15: Bull Run Run – Ultra Marathon

April 29: MS Walks – being held in Reston, Manassas, Montgomery County

April 29: Dogwood ½ Hundred (30 mile endurance hike in the GW National Forest)

May 6: Dulles Airport Drill with NVAEMS

May 13-14: Massanutten Mountain Trail 100 Mile Ultra 24hr run

June 3-4: MS Bike 150 Manassas – Fredericksburg and back

June 4: OVH Hamfest

Contact Erv for details and contact information. Erv is the contact for the Dogwood ½ Hundred.

### **New Business**

**Awards: Board of Directors** - The Board awarded a certificate of appreciation to **Cathy Whalen/AE4UM** for 2 years of service as President of OVH. The Board awarded a certificate of appreciation to **Lloyd DeLapp/N4OOM** for service as Secretary. The Board awarded a certificate of appreciation to **Steve Frick/N4OGR** for service as Vice President. Steve was not present to receive his award. Thanks to MaryLu for preparing the certificates.

**Dues: MaryLu/KB4EFP** - A reminder to pay your dues before 1 April 2000 or you will not receive your membership card and therefore, not be able to use the autopatch and other coded access features of the repeaters.

**Board of Directors:** The board will meet and determine the new committee chairs, except for Hamfest chair, who has been reappointed until the end of Hamfest.

**Program: Art/KW4AW** - Art and the technical gang presented the finished version of their QRP rigs. Real transceivers that fit in an Altoids tin. For more details, see the February newsletter or contact Art directly.

**Kudos to Ruth/KU4WH** for her good work on the FAR

**Bill South/N4WJN** raised a question about including phone numbers of committee members on the web site. The general consensus was that this was not a bad thing. If you have any modifications, direct them to Bill.

**This months trivia: Harry Vorhauer/W4PVA** - A vacuum tube or a transistor – neither will amplify. They have to have the associated parts in order to amplify.

**Art** will be the Chair for April's meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm

### **OVH Hamfest**

Sorry to bug you all again, but the OVH Hamfest 2000 is coming up! I'm asking for help at the front gate again this year. I really need help during the first three hours of the fest starting at 0630. Most of the activity shifts to the rear gate about that time and would only need one or two folks to alternate with me after the initial three-hour period.

Another problem for me this year is that it has been decided that we should hold the VE Exams at the same time as the fest. I'm a VE and if I can't get enough folks for the front gate in the morning I won't be

able to help out at the sessions. This doesn't mean that I have to be at the VE session but I'm sure we can expect a flood of folks for this one. If you can volunteer some time at the front gate it would be appreciated.

Got one yes and a few maybe's to help out so far at the front gate.

Thanks!

**Larry Whitney/KA4CTX**, 703.369.0425, [ka4ctx@aol.com](mailto:ka4ctx@aol.com) , packet 145.03, repeater 146.97

## **SUNSHINE CORNER**

Happy Spring, my fellow Hams!! Spring into action on Ham Radio!

These friends of ours have their birthday in April: David KD4DEE, Brian KE4NFK, Paul N4PD, Cyril K3KDR,

Maureen KE4GSZ, Charlie KB4GCR, Mike WV3H, Cathy AE4UM, Larry KA4CTX and Aida KF4KKO.

Keep Bob KF4FJC in your thoughts again, as his infection has recurred. We wish Bob all the best in fighting those germs!

Also keep Harry W4PVA "The Voice of Manassas" in your thoughts, as he continues the recuperative process after his heart bypass surgery.

73 de **Jan KE4TMW**