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Next meeting: April 16, 2001

Committee Chairperson's!!!!

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

(Editor)

Message From One of the Directors

Greetings to All OVH Members:

There are many facets to our hobby and one of them is public service. Indeed, by FCC lights, licensed hams form a radio service, not a hobby. Our frequencies are allocated so that we can practice communications skills, experiment/And have a lot of fun). Public service is the key to our part of the airwaves.

In my opinion, the key activity in public service is formal traffic handling, such as is used on the traffic nets. Although many of the messages are not emergency related, the training in procedure is valuable and the experience in communicating under sometimes difficult conditions will make you a better operator. Give the traffic nets a try!

73, Jeff/KV4AP

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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 sameade@erols.com

Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation - 170

Minutes of the OVH Meeting

19 March 2001

The meeting was called to order at 2003 by President **Jeff Poulin/KV4AP**.

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

Attendance: 20 members and 3 guests

The Treasurer's report and the past month's minutes were passed.

Committee Reports

Hamfest: Jack McDermott/N4YIC

Planning - Going well. We are where we should be.

Still needed: a "trainee" to learn the tailgate parking skills from **Steve/N4OGR**. A couple of people are also needed for the **security detail**. All interested parties to let **Jack** know soonest.

Updates: A/C is 99 99/100% guaranteed to be installed by the hamfest. There is some question about whether or not there will be a bake sale.

VE Session: Jeff is getting the paperwork for the use of the **Bennett School**.

Jean Morris/KB3COE of the Hagerstown Hamfest is inviting all to attend the **Hagerstown Hamfest** on the **6th of May**. **OVH** has been offered a table.

Education: Bill Hinely/K4WRG - Stonewall Jackson School has given us **Room 3A** for the **Technician's training**, due to start on the 20th. Estimated numbers are between 5 and 10 so far. Now You're Talking 4th ED is the textbook.

Repeaters: Art Whittum/KW4AW - Status: running.

Packet: Bill South/N4WJN - Nothing new to report. For those that would like an introduction to Packet, please talk to Bill. For those with packet gear, let's get it back up and running. Also there is a node on 220.

Membership: Susan Poulin/KG4JBD

The **membership drive** is getting into gear. Thanks for your comments on the mailer. There are approximately **216 hams** in the area, that are not members of the OVH.

Paul Richter/W4ZB was voted in. Welcome Paul! **Ron Perry's/WS1B** nomination was read in. It will be voted on in the April meeting.

Banner: David Lane/KG4GIY - A change in the dimensions of the banner were suggested. New dimensions are now 5' x 2.5' Banner will be ready by the next meeting.

ARES: David Lane/KG4GIY

Bull Run Run - April 7 2001

MS Walk (Manassas) - April 21 2001

Dogwood 1/2 Hundred - April 21 2001

MS 150 Bike Race - May 19/20 2001. If you are interested, drop an email to **Bo Pierce** (bpierce@cox.rr.com)

RACES Training. Date is TBD (looking like June). If you are interested in getting the state RACES training, please contact **David Lane** (bag_end@clark.net).

New Business

Presidential Initiatives: Jeff Poulin/KV4AP

Special Event Station: July 21 2001 for the Battle of Manassas

- **Jack** has a station available but is unable to man the radio due to other commitments.
- We are going to use the club call **W4OVH**.
- Tech's can get the experience of working HF with a higher class as Control Operator.
- Club will arrange for and cover the costs a **QSL card**.

Field Day: June 23-24

- We need a **Field Day leader** soonest/**NOW!!!**
- Need to decide on gear, modes, and power.

Meeting adjourned at 2120. Next meeting is Monday April 16, 2001.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to our fellow

Hams: Worth/WB4ZIG, David/KD4DEE, Brian/KE4NFK, Paul/N4PD, Cyril/K3DKR, Charlie/KB4GCR, Mike/WV3H, Cathy/AE4UM, and Larry/KA4CTX.

Blessed Passover, Happy Easter, and have a great Spring!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

In Brief

* This weekend on the radio: The SP DX Contest, the EA RTTY Contest, the QCWA QSO Party, the UBA Spring Contest (SSB) are the weekend of April 6-8. The 144 MHz Spring Sprint is April 9. JUST AHEAD: The DX YL to NA YL Contest (CW) is Apr 11-13; the Lighthouse Spring Lites Rites QSO Party is April 13-23; the EU Spring Sprint (SSB) is April 14; the Japan International DX Contest, the MARAC County Hunter Contest (SSB), the QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party, and His Majesty King of Spain Contest are the weekend of April 13-15. See the ARRL Contest Branch page, <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.html> for more info.

Classroom version of Emergency Communications Course opens: The "classroom version" of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course—Level I—now is available. Effective Monday, April 9, qualified Certification Instructors and Certification Examiners ONLY will have the opportunity to offer the classroom version of the ARRL Level I Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course and/or the Certification Examinations in their local areas. Those wishing to take the course should contact their ARRL Section Manager and/or Section Emergency Coordinator. Those wishing to present the class and/or the examination session must meet the requirements stated at <http://www.arrl.org/cce/admin-criteria.html> and fill out the Activity Application at <http://www.arrl.org/cce/activity.html>. Applications will be accepted starting April 9. Classroom course registration fee is \$50 for non-ARRL members, and \$20 for ARRL members. Those wishing to take only the Certification Examinations (on the basis of their experience, rather than taking the course) will pay an exam administration fee of \$5. Course manuals are \$10. Manuals must be ordered in advance and are currently not available except through the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Program. New courses are expected to be offered later this year. Address questions to cce@arrl.org.

* Haynie, Hollingsworth headline Maryland State Convention: By all accounts, the Greater Baltimore Hamboree and ARRL Maryland State Convention March 30-April 1 in Timonium was an outstanding success. Despite occasional rain, the flea market was crowded with both vendors and buyers. Unofficial attendance estimates range from 7000 to 10,000. At the ARRL forum, President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, described "The Big Project"—ARRL's education initiative—to a receptive audience. He also emphasized how the responsibility for promoting Amateur Radio rests with each individual ham. At the FCC forum, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, fielded questions concerning various amateur enforcement issues. Of particular interest was the FCC's position regarding the increasing interference on 10 meters. The FCC recently sent out enforcement letters regarding suspected illegal operation on that band. Among other members of the ARRL family present at the convention were ARRL Vice President Kay Craigie, WT3P; ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF; ARRL Atlantic Division Director Bernie Fuller, N3EFN; ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR; Delaware Section Manager Randall Carlson, WB0JJX; ARRL Honorary Vice President Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, and QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY. Ford hosted a well-attended PSK31 forum on Saturday afternoon.

* ARRL seeks QST technical editor: The ARRL Publications Group is seeking a full-time QST technical editor. The position is located at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. The QST technical editor will provide leadership to the technical Amateur Radio community by developing and promulgating a vision of the state of the Amateur Radio art through the pages of QST. Responsibilities include: soliciting and preparing QST technical material for publication; working cooperatively with authors during the development, writing, editing and production of QST technical articles; working effectively and cooperatively with other QST editors, production staff and other in-house staff; editing QST technical manuscripts for technical accuracy, grammar, style and usage; ensuring that technical manuscripts and graphics are prepared for publication in a polished and professional manner, and by deadline; evaluating QST technical manuscripts and recommending whether or not they should be accepted for publication. Qualifications include a broad knowledge of and experience with Amateur Radio and electronics; design and construction of Amateur Radio equipment, antennas and accessories; and Amateur Radio software.

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* Enforcement Letters replace Log: ARRL now posts on its Web site FCC Amateur Radio-related enforcement letters in their entirety in lieu of the periodic "FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Log." The "FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Letters" are found at http://www.arrl.org/news/enforcement_logs/. Enforcement letters and notices will be posted no sooner than 10 days after the date of each letter or notice released by FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth. Direct all questions regarding these communications to FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, rholling@fcc.gov.

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