

The OVH ARC Newsletter
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108
OVH FM Repeaters - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+ & 443.500+
OVH D-STAR Repeaters - W4OVH - 146.865- & 442.5125+ (now temporarily out of service)
Web Site at <http://w4ovh.net>

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

April 2016

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings one and all. It feels like we're at the top of a roller coaster ride, and about to really begin accelerating as we now head into our "busy" season for 2016!

This last weekend, we had our first Mini-Tri of the year, and we received kudos for the support provided. Thank you to the volunteers and to Clarence (K4CNM) for good planning. Ina Nenninger who is director of the Manassas Mini-Tri race program will present more information about the Mini-Tri's at our upcoming April meeting (Monday, April 18th) which will begin at 7:00 pm.

Next up on our schedule will be the OVH's very first appearance as an exhibitor at the annual Manassas Air Show on May 7th (rain date: May 8th) at the Manassas Regional Airport; this has been a personal "bucket list" item for me for quite a while. If the air show this year is anything like in past years, it will have about 20,000 visitors and should offer a fun time for the whole family to take in the aerobatic performances, aircraft displays, and the numerous informational booths of various Manassas organizations. The OVH booth is expected to have HAM radio equipment on display, working ham radio(s) that are receiving on aircraft frequencies (the local ground and tower frequencies), a computer Morse code NAVAID ID demo (pilots need to know how to identify Morse code IDs), and possibly some demonstrations of HF radio SSB and PSK31 operation, handouts about the OVH, including our public service activities, etc. We are looking for volunteers to help who like to engage with visitors to entice inquiring minds to talk with us, and also for several volunteers who can operate during the event from nearby home stations to assure that the HF radios can be demonstrated without delays seeking random contacts. We expect to be operational between 9 am and 4 pm; the OVH's participation in this event will also help us to promote our upcoming Hamfest and Field Day events in June. More at the April meeting on the 18th.



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Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Post Office Box 1255
Manassas, Virginia 20108

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President: Wayne Phillips	N7QLK	393-8447
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Treasurer: Terry Erlacher	KC4DV	571-292-1490

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WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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HAMFEST 2016 - Chairman

Terry	KC4DV	571-292-1490
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FIELD DAY 2016 - Co-Chairs

Ken	KD4VA	753-7863
Byron	AK4XR	222-2095

CLUB ROSTER / DATABASE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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EDUCATION

Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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Clarence Meese	K4CNM	791-6424
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GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
Al	KB4BHB	368-4794

HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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WEBMASTER — W4OVH.NET

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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David Lane	KG4GIY	628-3868
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JOTA - 2016

Open

LEGAL

Bob	K4HJF	282-2451
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Luther	KJ4FDK	361-4885
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NEWSLETTER

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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PROGRAMS FOR MEETINGS

Jeff	WB6UIE	791-5916
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QUARTERMASTER

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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REPEATER CONTROLLERS

George	K4GVT	791-5956
Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
David	KG4GIY	361-3042
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435

W4OVH — TRUSTEE

Stu	W4PR	335-5267
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W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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SUNSHINE

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday which is held in the Main Conference Room in the Manassas Public Works Building, 8500 Pubic Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend without obligation. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz. The OVH's two D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz are temporarily off the air due to maintenance work beyond the OVH's control. 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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If the Air Show doesn't give you enough outdoor time, the next Mini-Tri is slated for the very next day...May 8th which is also Mother's Day! What better way to recognize Mom than to bring her along and let her get familiar with the HT??

Later on in May, a number of OVH members will be attending the Mecca of Ham radio Hamfests, the Dayton Hamvention, May 20th - 22nd near Dayton, Ohio. If you want to go and haven't been before, ask around about rides and where to stay. We can expect a presentation sometime after Dayton which highlights that event.

Let me wrap up with a comment about "my/our" bucket list. The OVH's repeater shed at Mt. Pone is well-along with electrical and HVAC equipment installed, although there is still quite a bit of work to be done; thank you to some very dedicated members volunteering their time and skills. The OVH now has a brand new Honda generator, ready to make our Field Day successful again. Additionally, our old workhorse generators have been polished up, and we're in the midst of seeing what we might be able to get for one or both, and possibly purchasing a second Honda generator. These smaller, lighter, and quieter machines will be much easier to store inside a very non-descript red trailer.

See you at our next meeting, April 18th. Don't forget, it will start a half hour early again at 7:00 pm at the Manassas Public Works, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia. Keep the thoughts/ideas coming to me at: N7QLK@ARRL.net.

73 Wayne N7QLK

Sunshine Corner:

Happy birthday wishes this month to Brian / KK4CBS, Ken / KJ4VTP, Jeff / KB4IWD, Gil / KM4OZH, Paul / N4PD, Joe / KI4OHR, Steve / KJ4YHA, Chris / KU4FT, Lillian / KK4MXY, David / KI4AZX, Everett / KJ4OLF, Paul / W4ZB, and David / KD4DEE.

Thanks the OVH's 2015 officers for taking on (and being re-elected) for another year (2016) at the March meeting – President: Wayne / N7QLK, Vice President: Clarence / K4CNM, Treasurer: Terry / KC4DV and Secretary: Byron / AK4XR. Picture of the four to the right, L to R: Clarence, Wayne, Terry and Byron.



The 2016 Tri It Now Mini Tri season has started! The first event this year was on Sunday, April 10th. Thanks to Clarence / K4CNM for keeping us organized and thanks to everyone who came out to help. Great turnout from the OVH – Mary / KK4GOW, Terry / KC4DV, Steve / KB4OF, Ray / KM4EKR, Wayne / N7QLK, John / KG4NXT Bryon / AK4XR, Clarence / K4CNM, Ron / N4RDZ and yours truly. See picture to the right of some of the OVH's crew in the bright, early morning sunlight.



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Lots of events coming up, so pick up a radio and come on out into the field with us. The OVH will have a table at the Manassas AirShow on Saturday May 7th. On Sunday, May 8th there will be another Mini-Tri, there will be a Hamfest planning meeting, a Field Day planning meeting, a regular monthly OVH meeting and don't forget every Thursday night we have the VHF/UHF net.

John KG4NXT and I had a lot of fun working the VA QSO party on March 19th even though we had to cut short our trip on Skyline Drive once clouds with a snowstorm moved in. See the picture to the right of the view from Skyline Drive from inside the clouds. Don't forget to send in your log so it counts towards the club participation.



Way back in February, just before Valentine's Day the North Central Arkansas Amateur Radio Services hosted a special event station from the town of ROMANCE, ARKANSAS. Of course, hubby John / KG4NXT made a contact with them and he just received his certificate. See a picture of that later in this newsletter.

Sorry I missed sending photos from February's field day meeting to the newsletter, the meeting was held at Foster's Grill in Manassas where an old New Mexico call letter license plate of OVH's recent silent key, Alan / WA2GTT, is hanging as a decoration on the wall.



Hamfest & Field Day planning meetings are well under way but it's not too late to participate in the planning. Contact Terry / KC4DV for hamfest and Byron / AK4XR or Ken / KD4VA for field day.

If you participate in a ham event or take your radio on vacation, please send me a photo for the newsletter.

Be sure to check in on the Thursday night net, see <http://w4ovh.net> "Nets" tab for details. Please email me with your news at kg4tvm@hotmail.com

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting March 21, 2016:

OVH Club President, Wayne / N7QLK, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 21, 2016. The early start time was due to the February meeting being cancelled as a result of the snow and ice storm and the pending volume of business, including the election of club officers. The meeting was held at the Manassas City Public Works Building in Manassas, Virginia.

After the Pledge, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 28 OVH members and 7 guests at the meeting.

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BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the January meeting were sent out in the February newsletter. Motion to accept January's minutes by Bob / K4HJF, Al / KB4BHB seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report. Motion by Art / W1CRO, to approved the Treasurer's report as presented, George / K4GVT seconded the motion, motion passed by vote of all members in attendance.

Presentation by Jeff / WB6UIE on The Radio History of Prince William Forrest Park. Very interesting history about the OSS (predecessor to the CIA) using the park for training foreign radio operators there during World War II.

Membership –There were 6 new member applications this month. Luther / WA3FMO, read in the following: Gil Thompson / KM4OZH; Jeffrey Porter / KM4QVT, Duane Martin / KM4RTB, Kit Farwell / No Callsign Yet, George White / NT4DX, and Harvey Ghesser / WB6TTF. All of them will be voted on at the April meeting.

ARES – There was a deployment at Prince William Forest Park to test communications for the upcoming MCM 17.7 race. .

Repeaters - George / K4GVT reported that all repeaters are operational. Work was done on the shed at Mt. Pone which included the following: all interior wiring was completed including a subpanel for receptacle and lighting circuits. The outside unit of the mini-split HVAC was mounted. The power to the shed will be run after Easter. Then the antennas will be reattached to the tank.

Training- Mark / WA4KFZ is exploring offering a “What Next Class” for all the new licensees. He will be testing a tablet for drawings shown with the projector for his next class.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported planning is going well. Still looking for a coordinator for the forum programs to be presented. The next planning meeting will be April 6, 2016. Dinner at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm. Location to be announce via the reflector later.

Field Day - Byron / AK4XR reported that Field Day will be at Nokesville Park again this year. The application to the park has been submitted, approved and paid. Assignments have all been made. The next Field Day planning meeting will be announced on the reflector.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM wished all those with birthdays in February and March a Happy Birthday. She then handed out goodie bags filled with miniature chocolate candies for all the holidays from our last meeting in January till our meeting this month.

Scholarship- No report

JOTA- no report

Web pages - Paul / W4ZB reported all of them are working. Please send suggested additions or needed corrections to him via email.

4-H – Terry / WA5NTI, reported on the preparations for the Youth Lounge

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at this years Hamfest. He explained about the 10 or 11 things that they do at the Youth Lounge and ask volunteers to help out. He passed out a sign up sheet so people could sign up. If interested or available, contact Terry / WA5NTI.

The election of offices took place. Election results: Wayne Phillips / N7QLK was re-elected as President; Clarence Meese ; K4CNM was re-elected; Terry Erlacher / KC4DV was re-elected as Treasurer, and Byron Dillon / AK4XR was re-elected as Secretary.

Meeting Break

50-50- \$29.00 was raised so the winner would receive \$14.50. John KG4NXT, won the drawing and donated the funds back to the club for the scholarship fund.

Terry / KC4DV, announced that he would be broadcasting from the Dooms Day antenna at a refurbished missile silo (now a museum) in Tucson Arizona. He will be posting on the reflector the frequency and time on March 24th.

New business- The Manassas Airshow will be on May 7th. Reminder to join us on Thursday evenings at 8pm for or weekly net. All the club repeaters are linked so you can hear the net on whichever works best for you.

Budget Report - per the OVH's bylaws, the budget for the next year (2016) has to be presented and voted on. Terry / KC4DV presented the report. Motion to accept the budget report by Terry / WA5NTI, seconded by Stu / W4PR and motion passed. The approved Budget will be posted for OVH members on the Members' Only web page.

There was some discussion on selling the old generators at the Hamfest or later on Craigslist if they do not sell at the Hamfest.

REMINDER NOTICE: the APRIL MEETING will have two presentations so the meeting WILL AGAIN START EARLY AT 7 PM ON APRIL 18, 2016. The presentations will be given by Stu / W4PR, and Ina Nenner who is director of the Mini-Tri (Tri-It-Now) program for which the OVH provides communications support.

Theresa / KG4TVM made a motion to adjourn; Art / W1CRO seconded and motion passed.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

Fri. - Sun., May 20-22, 2016 - Dayton Hamvention. This is the biggest one worldwide (in Dayton, Ohio) each year. Several groups of OVH members usually go by car and even by private aircraft. Check around if you need a ride.

Sunday, June 19, 2016 - Manassas Hamfest. See flyer later in this Newsletter, also check out <http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net> (Hamfest tab) for more info.

Fri - Sun. June 24 - 26, 2016 - Ham Radio Friedrichshafen - this Hamfest in Germany is almost as big as the one in Dayton! More info at <http://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/ham-en/>

OVH AT THE MANASSAS AIRSHOW:

Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Manassas Regional Airport (main terminal on the East side of the airport): the annual Manassas Airshow [see, <http://manassasairshow.com>], a major local event. The OVH will have a table and be participating as an exhibitor at the Airshow this year. Contact Ed / KK4PHP or John / KG4NXT for more info. Volunteers needed for set up and take down before and after the AirShow, manning the OVH exhibit table and operating HF / VHF from a nearby home station.

OVH COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Early May 2016, evening in Manassas, date (most likely 5/4/2016), time and place to be announced for the Eighth Hamfest Committee meeting for the June 2016 Manassas Hamfest. Check the OVH email reflector for more details, date, time and place. All are welcome to attend.

Mid May 2016, evening in Manassas, date (likely 5/11/2016), time and place to be announced for the Fourth Field Day Committee planning meeting for the June 2016 ARRL / OVH Field Day event. See flyer later in this Newsletter. Check the OVH email reflector for more details, date, time and place. All are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL HAM RADIO EVENTS:

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, another BroadBand Ham Net (BBHN) group meeting organized by Clarence / K4CNM at the Central Library in Manassas. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the local area BBHN activities and scene, with tutorials, demonstrations, equipment swaps, etc. The last such BBHN meeting had about 25 attendees.

Thurs., May 19, 2016, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Contest University program, Dayton, Ohio, This is an excellent very full day program which takes place one day before the Dayton Hamvention begins. The program is by no means just about radio contesting; most topic areas presented concern optimizing ham stations including antenna systems, etc. and operations. Lecturers and teachers are among the most knowledgeable in the world. Highly recommended. Go to <http://contestuniversity.com> for info.

Sat. / Sun., June 25 - 26, 2016 - OVH / ARRL Field Day Event at the Nokesville Community Park, Nokesville, VA. This is a major event! See flyer later in this Newsletter.

Third Thursday evening each month - AMRAD meets in McLean, Virginia - meetings usually consist of high level amateur radio related technical presentations on specific topics. Check the <http://amrad.org> web site for upcoming topics, and exact dates, times and places.

HAM RADIO OPERATING CONTEST EVENTS:

The ARRL has a Contest web page at its web site, but a much more comprehensive, up-to-date, and long range planning contesting calendar with links to the rules for the various events is maintained by WA7BNM at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal> If you get the radio contesting bug or just want to find out what and how much is going on, that is a good place to look!

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Sunday, May 8, 2016 - early (7:15 am) - OVH will be supporting the Mini-Tri event at the GMU Manassas Campus. Contact Clarence / K4CNM for more info or to participate.

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.

SOME OF THE RECENT ACTIVITIES AT THE OVH's MOUNT PONE REPEATER SITE

Chairman of the Repeater Committee, George / K4GVT advises of further progress at the OVH's Mount Pone repeater site: after coordination with the water authority, OVH has now installed a separate breaker box connected to the main AC power distribution panel. OVH's equipment in OVH's new equipment shed will be fed through that separate breaker box. See below for early April pictures of work by Byron / AK4XK at the Mount Pone site on that project.



After the shed is connected, the next step will be to place (replace) antennas on the water tower itself. A new 146.97 FM repeater will be tested there for range and coverage as compared to the existing location on the NOVEC tower on Lomond Drive. After that there are several options to be further considered and discussed. When and where the OVH's two D-Star repeaters will be re-installed has not yet been determined.

Valentine's Day Special Event Station **AB5ER**

Crew:
AF5OD Landon McCord
KG5ABL Darron Boggs
KK6OZN Logan Sandlin
KG5FEU Preston Billings
N5QS Roger Gray
N5QT Dawn Gray
KD5HRT Heath Taylor
N5LKE J Ferguson
KFSWHX Trey Ferguson

Romance is located in
EM35xf
White County

Station	UTC	Day	Month	Year	Mode	RST	Band
KG4NXT	0314	6	February	2016	SSB	5-9	40M



Special Event
"Valentine's Day"
QSL card
received by
John / KG4NXT

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Romance, Arkansas 72136



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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 19, 2016

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+

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
(Age 18 and younger: no charge)
(*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/31/2016)
Gates open at 7 AM

TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space
Covered Pavillion: \$15 per space
(*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/31/2016)
Gates open at 6 AM

* 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

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

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

Dealer Info from George / K4GVT: vendors@manassashamfest.org
General Info from Terry / KC4DV: chairman@manassashamfest.org
VE Testing / Exam Information: vetesting@manassashamfest.org

YOU ARE INVITED! AMATEUR RADIO EVENT—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2016 ARRL FIELD DAY

Saturday & Sunday— June 25th & 26th 24 hours starting at 2 pm

Nokesville Park

12560 Aden Road, Nokesville VA

EDUCATION ACTIVITY

POT LUCK DINNER—SATURDAY 5 PM, BRING A DISH TO SHARE

FAMILY EVENT

CO-CHAIRS— Byron AK4XR & Ken KD4VA

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