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Next meeting: May 21, 2001

MANASSAS HAMFEST

JUNE 3, 2001

Message From the President

Greetings to All OVH Members:

This is the final newsletter before our OVH Hamfest on Sunday June 3. (Yes! It's that close!) The Hamfest is the only way our club raises funds to meet our annual expenses, support the repeaters and packet, provide scholarships, and keep membership dues so low. Other clubs have much higher dues.

I urge all OVH members to help out. There is set-up on Saturday morning/With a free breakfast), coordinating the tailgate area parking, ticket sales at the gates, staffing the OVH table, and so forth. If you can help out even for a few hours it would be useful and appreciated.

Contact Jack McDermott if you have any questions or can volunteer. And please attend the monthly meeting on May 21 when we will discuss the overall Hamfest plans and present this year's scholarships.

Thanks and I'll see you there.

73,

Jeff/KV4AP

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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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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

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Minutes of the OVH Meeting

16 April 2001

The meeting was called to order at 20:01 by President **Jeff Poulin/KV4AP**.

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

Attendance: 16 Members and 3 Guests

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

Committee Reports

Repeaters: Art Whittum/KW4AW - A fact-finding letter went out to the Repeater Trustee of the York, PA repeater. There has been no response as of yet. The 440 repeater is drifting and a new crystal is on order. An upgrade has been put on the 2M repeater in the way of putting of the modem on battery backup. Tone is pending on 220 and 440 machines.

Membership: Susan Poulin/KG4JBD - The membership drive is getting into gear. 216 membership flyers went out and there have been few bounced. **Ron Perry/WS1B** was voted in. Welcome Ron. The following were read in: **Keith Coghill/WB4ZOH**, **Charlotte Coghill/No call**, and **Phil Colling/KG4MJR**. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

ARES: David Lane/KG4GIY - Upcoming events:

- **MS 150 Bike Ride** - May 19/20 - Contact Bo Pierce (bpierce@nova.org)
- **MMT 100** - May 12/13 - Contact Howard Cunningham (howardc@macrollc.com)
- **VA ARES Training** - June 9 starting at 8:30 - Contact David Lane/Kg4giy@arrl.net)

Hamfest: Jack McDermott/N4YIC

- School room is booked per **Jeff Poulin/KV4AP**.
- The Wickfords will be doing the bake sale again this year.
- Table sales are moving slowly but normal for this time of year.
- A vendor from Lynchburg is looking for help (he is willing to pay) in the form of two strong individuals to help him set up and tear down as well as help watch the goods during the hamfest.
- 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.
- **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.

Presidential Initiatives: Jeff Poulin/KV4AP

- Heritage Railroad Days in Manassas on June 2nd (yes, that June 2nd). Those not helping with the Hamfest setup are encouraged to come out. It is a rain or shine event.

- **Special Event Station:** July 21 2001 for the **Battle of Manassas**. Operations will be between 1300-200 UTC (9:00 - 18:00 EDT). Suggested frequencies are 7.2xx, 14.2xx, 28.3xx and the OVH repeater at 146.970 -.

Scholarships: Jack McDermott/N4YIC - The first one for this year is in. We had 17 last year. The deadline is May 1st.

Insurance: Jack McDermott/N4YIC - The repeater and associated gear has been added to the Insurance coverage.

Red Cross Statement of Understanding: Jeff Poulin/KV4AP

- A statement of understanding between the **PWC Red Cross** chapter and **OVH** and **WWI** (Woodbridge Wireless) is on the table. Jeff objects to the wording of the current version and will be taking another look at it from a wording and grammar perspective. He also expects the appropriate bodies to eventually sign it (**PWC ARC, OVH, WWI**).
- **John Fritsch/N4YOB** also mentions that the original letter was drafted with the participation of the OVH Board, **Barbara Burns (ARC)** and **Keith Bennington/KM4AA** and would "split" response duties between OVH and WWI depending on the area of the county or the size of the call out. If additional support was required it would be elevated to the ARES network.

Dick Miller/WD4AZG/SK: Art Whittum/KW4AW - Art has the sad duty to report the passing of Dick Miller. As a member of OVH he was very involved with the club and with Amateur Radio in general. He is credited with creating the Total Ham program. His family asks that a donation instead of flowers be sent in Dick's name. The club voted to donate \$100 to the Hospice of Northern Virginia. He died of cancer.

Evening Program

The evening program was a brief introduction to the National Traffic System, give by our local NTS guru **Jeff Poulin/KV4AP**. For those who are interested, the local **Northern Virginia traffic net** can be heard nightly at 7:30pm on the 147.300 (**Skywarn**) repeater. [Sec's Note: The **ARRL** has a created two PDF files for download that contain the official Radiogram form. I will pass both on to **Bill South/N4WJN** for posting on the OVH web site].

The meeting was adjourned at 2130. The next meeting is May 21st 2001 at 2000 EDT.

SUNSHINE CORNER

- Happy Birthday to our fellow Hams born in May: **Blaine/KB4RKL, Jim/K9SP, Bill/WA4FIC, Craig/N4WUV, Joseph/N6GDX, William/K4WRG, Bill/WB4KFU, Bob/N4RL, Jack/N4YIC, James/W4JTP, Susan/KG4JBD, and Craig/WA3UFY**. Note that **James/W4JTP** has a new vanity call sign - his previous call sign was **WA4LTO**.
- In April, the club donated \$100 to the **Hospice of Northern Virginia**, in memory of **Dick Miller/WD4AZG**. We had previously sent Dick a card signed by attendees at the March meeting.
- The club also sent a flower arrangement to **Susan South**, wife of **Bill/N4WJN**, on her return home from surgery.
- Please let me know if you have any event that needs to be recognized by the club -- a birth, death, illness, surgery, upgrade, etc. I can't do anything if I don't know about it.

Thanks, and 73 de Jan KE4TMW

"HELP WANTED"

Mr. Sam Adams, a Hamfest vendor from Lynchburg, Virginia is looking for two 15/16-year-old teenagers to help him during the weekend of our Manassas Hamfest.

You will assist Mr. Adams in setting up his inventory when he arrives on Saturday afternoon, June 2, 2001. Then you will assist Mr. Adams during the Hamfest on Sunday. When the Hamfest concludes Sunday afternoon, you will assist in returning any remaining inventory back into Mr. Adams' truck. The entire inventory is on wheeled racks, and the truck is equipped with a hydraulic lift.

Mr. Adams will pay each person \$75.00, plus lunch on Sunday. Also, as vendor staff, you will be provided with free Hamfest entry tickets. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Jack McDermott at 703/335-9139, or email N4YIC@arri.net if you prefer.

Jack McDermott/N4YIC