

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## May 2014

### Next Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2014

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Hello to all and I hope this message finds you all healthy and well. By the time of the May meeting next week, the Dayton Hamfest will be history; I hope those who will attend will have a good time and safe travels, and will give us a report at the May meeting.

Keep in mind that our very own 40th OVH Manassas Hamfest is coming up very fast on June 8th. It is expected to be one of the best due this year to the very hard work by the Hamfest Committee led by Terry / KC4DV, Chairman. Setup for our Hamfest will be on Saturday, June 7th with the Hamfest itself on Sunday, June 8th. This will be a major topic at the upcoming regular OVH meeting; many of the details to be discussed at the meeting will be also disseminated on the OVH email reflector (and on the Thursday VHF net) for those unable to attend the meeting.

The next big OVH event after the Hamfest, of course, will be the OVH / ARRL Field Day on Saturday / Sunday, June 28 and 29th. This is one of the most fun club event each year. The venue for Field Day is returning to the Pavillion at the Nokesville Community Park this year, and the Field Day Committee has already held several meetings led by its Chairman, John / KG4NXT.

Also as Memorial Day is coming up please take a moment to remember all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

I hope to see you all at the regular OVH meeting on Monday, May 19th at 7:30 pm!

73 Justin KJ4LAS



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## HAMFEST 2014

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## FIELD DAY 2014

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday each month at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9930 Liberia 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 this month (and wishing you many more) to David / KG4GIY, Bill / WA4FIC, Steve / N0DWB, Jack / N4YIC, Craig / WA3UFY, Susan / K3SSP, Terry / KC4DV, Jim / W4JTP and John / KG4NXT.

Happy to report that Arthur / W1CRO's wife, Joyce, is recovering from a recent stay in the hospital and has just returned home, wishing her a good continued recovery!

Thanks to Clarence K4CNM for working at the 24 hour long distance run in Prince William Forest Park. Clarence stayed for the entire 24 hour period which is impressive.

Perhaps more impressive is Wayne / AG4ZZ who participated tirelessly as a runner in the 24 hour run itself. Congratulations to Wayne who probably needs a new pair of running shoes after all that!

Congratulations to George / K4GVT and his family on the graduation of his daughter, Tanya, from James Madison University where she is receiving a Masters & Teaching Degree in English, and where she was awarded the 2014 Teacher of Promise Award. I think there will be a lot of lucky kids out there who will have Tanya as their teacher in the future! Also graduating from West Point is Tanya's fiancé, Alex, who is graduating as a Second Lieutenant and has already been accepted into Flight School. Very proud of both of you!

Well last month I reported that there would be two OVH weddings this month, I later found out there are actually three!

Congratulations to Byron / AK4XR on the upcoming graduation and marriage of his son, Zachary. Here is part of an email I received from Byron and I couldn't have put it any better than this: "My wife and I are proud to announce that our son Zachary will be getting married. His future bride Miss Caitlan Kelly and Zachary will both be finishing up medical school in May also. So we're getting two doctors in the family."

George / K4GVT has announced that his daughter Tanya is marrying Alex this month in a ceremony at West Point. George and Ev are just over the moon with happiness!

John / KG4NXT and I are very happy for Elizabeth / KG4NXV and her fiancé, Nick, who will also be married this month. We couldn't be happier to welcome Nick to our family!

I didn't include the wedding dates because they haven't occurred yet but maybe we will be able to post some pictures next month. Very best wishes to Zachary & Caitlan, Tanya & Alex and Elizabeth & Nick and your families! We hope your special day is everything you hoped for.

It's not too late to volunteer for Hamfest [contact Terry KC4DV at [terry.erlacher@verizon.net](mailto:terry.erlacher@verizon.net)] or for Field Day [contact John / KG4NXT at [kg4nxt@arrl.net](mailto:kg4nxt@arrl.net)].

If you have any news for the Sunshine Corner, good or bad, please send me an email [kg4tvm@hotmail.com](mailto:kg4tvm@hotmail.com) or call me at 703-257-3566.

Theresa KG4TVM

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## Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting

### April 21, 2014:

Clarence / K4CNM, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

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All present stated their names and call signs. There were 28 members and 4 guests.

Terry / KC4DV introduced Ed from the Makers Movement for a presentation on DIY projects. Ed had some examples of several projects including robotics that he passed around, some were using or were based upon using 3D printing.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as read and amended, motion by John / KG4NXT and seconded by Al / KB4BHB.

Treasurer's Report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report, motion by John / KG4NXT and seconded by Al / KB4BHB approved as presented.

Membership – Luther / KJ4FDK read in one new applicant Andrew / KK4ZUZ. Membership voted in Tony / KK4YZK unanimously.

ARES – The next ARES meeting will be a field exercise on May 17th; a reminder that the 24 hour run will be held on May 3rd.

Repeater – Keith / KM4AA spoke about environmental controls for the repeater shack. Work on the link to Woodbridge Wireless repeater is still a work in progress. Motion to spend \$1,200 for environmental controls made by Terry WA5NTI and seconded by Alan / WA2GTT. Motion passed.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ – The next class to be given will begin early in October, 2014 at the Red Cross Community Room. There will be four classes and a VE session. Mark showed a suggested example of a type of 4H practice Morse key, and said the cost would be about \$14 each.

Scholarship – No Report.

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV: The next Hamfest Planning Meeting will be May 7th with location to and time to be sent out via the email reflector. Coming down to crunch time, but everything is looking good, some more volunteers could be used. Setup will be on Saturday morning, June 7th, and the Hamfest will be on Sunday, June 8th. Woodbridge Wireless will be erecting a tower in the Youth Lounge area in support of the Hamfest.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT and some members of the Field Day Committee did a site visit to the Pavillion at the Nokesville Community Park to plan for the location of the antennas for Field Day. They also checked out a club HF radio. John will send out a location map with the antenna layout. The ARRL Field Day web site is linked from the OVH web site, and our Field Day location is on the ARRL's interactive map. Field Day will be on 28-29 June. Wayne / N7QLK will be the lead mentor for the GOTA station which is staffed but can always use more volunteers.

Sunshine Corner – No report. Ron / N4RDZ wished everyone with a birthday in April, Happy Birthday!

Web Page – Paul / W4ZB reported that the OVH web site [w4ovh.net] is working as is the web site dedicated to the Hamfest [manassashamfest.org]. The member password will be changing soon.

4-H – Terry WA5NTI talked about the practice Morse keys that will be built in the Youth Lounge. He is working on public relations. Woodbridge Wireless will also be supporting the 4H Youth Lounge during the Hamfest. Otherwise, "good to go!" A briefing has been prepared to publicize the Youth Lounge.

Break – 50-50, sold 11 tickets at \$1.00. Winner returned his portion so \$11 was handed to the Treasurer Terry / KC4DV.

Old Business – None; New Business – None

Clarence / K4CNM reminded that this will be a busy month: May 3 – Cougar Literacy Run; May 3-4 – 24 hour run; May 10 – Armed Forces Cross band test; May 11 – Support for MiniTri; May 17 – ARES training; May 17 – Woodbridge Cram and VE session

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by John KG4NXT and seconded by Al KB4BHB. All voted to approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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## **Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:**

### **HAMFESTS:**

Friday - Sunday - May, 16, 17 & 18, 2014 - Dayton Hamvention - Dayton, Ohio - held every year in mid-May and the biggest hamfest in the world. A group from the OVH always attends. For more information, go to <http://daytonhamvention.org>

Sun., May 25, 2014 - West Friendship, MD Hamfest. More at <http://www.marylandfm.org/Hamfest.htm>

Sunday - June 8, 2014 - OVH Manassas Hamfest - being sponsored by the Ole Virginia Hams this year for the 40th time at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, Virginia. See the Flyer later in this newsletter and also look at: [manassashamfest.org](http://manassashamfest.org) and [w4ovh.net](http://w4ovh.net) (hamfest tab) This is a very big event for the OVH each year. Contact Terry / KC4DV for more information.

### **ARRL / OVH FIELD DAY:**

Saturday/Sunday - June 28 / 29, 2014 - Save these dates for what is always one of the most “fun” OVH club operating and social events during each year. The event location is returning to the pavillion at the Nokeville Community Park again this year. Check with John / KG4NXT, Chairman for more details, and look for more in this OVH Newsletter and in the June issue for more info.

### **TRAINING / SEMINAR EVENTS:**

Second Thursday evening each month, AMRAD meetings, McLean, Va. - see [amrad.org](http://amrad.org) for details.

### **OPERATING CONTESTS:**

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

### **NEXT 2014 OVH MANASSAS HAMFEST COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Wednesday - May 28th, 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 for meeting at Panera on Liberia Avenue. Contact Terry / KC4DV and watch the OVH email reflector. This will be the last advance preparation and planning meeting before the 2014 OVH Manassas Hamfest.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS**

Saturday, May 17, 2014. ARES meeting / event at the Prince William County Emergency Operations Center. Check out <http://www.pwcares.org> for full details.

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.

# Updates: the 40th Manassas Hamfest - Counting down to June 8th, 2014

Current (5/15/2014) Listing of Forums / Youth Lounge / Special Presentations / VEC Exams / Etc.

Forums: 9:00 am - SkyWarn Presentation - An Overview - by Chris Patton / W3CUM

10:00 am - BITX Transmitter Presentation - by Bill Meara / N2CQR

11:00 am - Spread Spectrum Techniques for Ham Radio - by Andre Kesteloot / N4ICK

Youth Lounge and Youth Activities - All Day

Virginia QSL Party - Awards Presentation - 10:00 am

W4/K4/N4 - ARRL QSL Bureau & QSL Card Checking - All Day

VEC Examinations - registration from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, multiple exams possible, exams finish at 11:00 am.

## A Few Pictures from recent past OVH Manassas Hamfests



In addition to the Forums and other scheduled activities, lots to see and do in the Outdoor Flea Market



and in the Indoor Vendor Areas

Ample Parking but it can get crowded!



## ARRL / OVH Field Day - June 28 / 29th at the Nokesville Communiy Park

Planning for the OVH Field Day event on June 28 /29 is well underway by the Field Day Committee led by John / KG4NXT, Chairman. The venue for the event is returning to the Pavillion at the Nokesville Community Park this year after several years on the grounds of the Central Library in Manassas. The committee recently visited the site and has a plan drawing for the HF Antennas to be used this year, overlaid on a Google Maps aerial view image by Clarence / K4NCM, below:



Field Day has been promoted and sponsored by the ARRL each year (WW2 years excluded) since the late 1930's. See, <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> for more info. More here next month about the upcoming OVH Field Day!

John / KG4NXT's first "in the field" Field Day was when he was age 14 with the call, WA0MTU in Iowa. His Field Day group went to a nearby country park, put wire antennas, set up operating positions on picnic tables, and began operating. A short while later, four Iowa State Police cars arrived suddenly. The operation, according to the police was interfering with the State Police Radio system and had knocked part of it off the air. The Field Day group politely explained what they were doing and turned a transmitter off; the Police then left and Field Day operations then resumed without further incident or Police returning. A memorable event for John at age 14!

Query: could the real reason for the Police visit to John's first Field Day been a citizen complaint that strangely acting people were doing strange things in the Park? The complainant might have reacted like the neighborhood group in the Twilight Zone episode [shown around that time] that accused a [ham radio operator] neighbor with unusual antennas who had strange noises coming from his basement of communicating with aliens!

Your editor's first "in the field" Field Day was at age 16 [he operated Field Day from home as a new Novice at age 15] when as K1SDX he teamed up with a local teenage ham buddy, K1QYJ (now W4NDX), scrounged up a generator, a Baker tent, and a non-ham teenager with a sailboat to provide transport from the mainland to Sheffield Island, Connecticut where the property owner agreed to let the two teenagers set up, camp and operate radios in a wooded part of the Island away from his residence. During that Field Day in 1962 we made several hundred contacts on HF CW as a two operator station, got rained on in a midnight thunderstorm (despite the Baker tent), and checked in with our parents via 40 meter AM phone patches as well as with our friend with the boat to coordinate transport back to the mainland after Field Day was over on Sunday. A very memorable lot of fun overall.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

# Manassas Hamfest

## AMATEUR RADIO, COMPUTER, & ELECTRONICS SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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# Sunday, June 8, 2014

## 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, Manassas, VA 20112-2720 (Route 234) - TALK-IN 146.97- 442.200+ D-Star 442.5125+

### 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  
(Cutoff date for \$9  
advance Sales May 1st)  
Gates open at 7 AM

### TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10\* per space  
Covered Pavillion: \$20 per space  
(\*See web site for prepayment discounts)  
Gates open at 6 AM  
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

\* 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
- Youth Lounge activities for Youngsters

### ACTIVITIES

- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information
- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- "Maker" group activities & presentations
- 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
- National Traffic System Forum

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

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# THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

WELCOMES YOUR ATTENDANCE

THIS YEAR AT

NOKESVILLE PARK FOR 24 HOURS

FIRST RADIO CONTACT AT 2 PM SATURDAY

GET ON THE AIR!

[www.w4ovh.net](http://www.w4ovh.net)

GOTA STATION

EDUCATION ACTIVITY - END FED ANTENNA

POT LUCK DINNER - 5 PM SATURDAY

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

NOKESVILLE PARK - 12560 ADEN ROAD, NOKESVILLE VA  
AT THE PAVILION, NEAR THE BACK OF THE PARK

ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AT THIS FAMILY EVENT!



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