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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JUNE 2004

Next meeting: June 21, 2004

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

(Editor)

Greetings to all OVHer's:

The next meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams will be held on Monday, June 21st at the **NOVEC Technical Center in Gainesville, VA at 8 PM**. I hope that everyone enjoyed our hamfest on the 6th. Many thanks go to **David/KG4GIY**, our honorary hamfest chairman, for organizing this successful event. A big thank you to everyone who turned out to help at the hamfest. I would also like to thank **Shirley Zorger** for her willingness to organize our bake sale on such short notice. This meeting we will be planning for Field Day. Please bring your ideas about how to have an enjoyable event. Also if you can provide any equipment or logistics please let **Brian/N8FK** our Field Day Chairman know. **Field Day** will be held on the 4th weekend of **June (the 26th and 27th)** at **Nokesville Regional Park**. If you would like to take a turn at being behind the "Golden OVH Microphone" please let me know ASAP. We do need additional volunteers since we have had some attrition in the net's ranks.

If you have any ideas for topics for future meetings please let me know. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 21st.

73 for now,

Ruth/KU4WH

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WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	RUTH	331-1234
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HAMFEST 2004

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FIELD DAY 2004

Brian	N8FK	257-9545
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Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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HOME PAGE

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Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

PICNIC

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM'S

PUBLICITY

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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SUNSHINE

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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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 kb4of@arrl.net

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

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting May 17, 2004

Ruth/KU4WH called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern time.

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all presented stated their names and call signs. There were 25 **OVH members** and four guests present.

SCHOLARSHIP: Jim/W4JTP. The winners of OVH's 2004 scholarship were **Ben Gelb/KF4KJQ** of Thomas Jefferson HS for science and technology and **Ashil Farahmand** of Osbourn HS. The awards were for \$1,000 each. OVH awards scholarships annually to high-achieving local high school seniors who intend to study electronics, computer science, or a related field in college. Congratulations Ben and Asheel.

BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES - The minutes from the April 2004 OVH meeting were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The Treasurer's report was presented by **Bill/N4WJN**. The report was approved.

COMMITTEES

HAMFEST - **David/KG4GIY**: Things are where they should be at this point in time. Mount Vernon ARC will administer the exam session.

ARES - **David/KG4GIY**: Thanks to all who helped with the **Dulles drill**. We had participation from throughout northern Virginia. The drill was a success, and we learned about things that need to be fixed. We have a new quick reference card on the PWC ARES website that can be downloaded. NCAC Institute is this Saturday at 8:30 in PG County. Several topics will be covered including **Skywarn Basic**.

MEMBERSHIP - **John/WA1STU**: **Charles R. Watts/W4XP** and **Ben Gelb/KF4KJQ** were read in and will be voted on at the June 2004 OVH meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

George/K4GVT is still looking for ideas on a new logo.

Bill/N4WJN noted that in the past we have donated to QSL.net and QST.net. OVH did not donate last year, and asked if we should donate as the OVH E-mail reflector is still run through this site. A motion carried unanimously to donate \$100 to the organization.

David/KI4AZX made a motion was made make our 2004 scholarship winners members of OVH for a year and passed unanimously. **Ben Gelb/KF4KJQ** filled out an application and will be voted on at the June 2004 meeting as per OVH bylaws. **Ashil Farahmand (no call)** will be contacted to encourage him to fill out an application.

Thirty-one dollars was collected for the **50/50 drawing**. **John/KG4NXT** won the drawing and collected \$16. The Club collected \$15.

The meeting adjourned at 2105 Eastern time.

73s **Phil/AC4PL**

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to our friends: **John/W4GTL**, **Steve/N4OGR**, **Jan/KE4TMW**, **Christopher/KI4AZN**, **Gene/N4HFW**, **Pete/KB4RME**, **Bob/KF4FJC** and **Robert/K4HJF**. Hope each of you has a great day!

If we missed you at Hamfest, we'd like to see you at Field Day!!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

BPL Clearinghouse Info On OVH WEB

If you are a ham who is concerned about what BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) is, and how it will affect Amateur radio, SWL, emergency service, time standard and other HF reception, please go to <http://www.w4ovh.net> and check the BPL Facts link on the main page.

If you know of any additional links that discuss BPL, please forward those in an e-mail to BPL@W4OVH.NET

Bill South/N4WJN/OVH WEBmaster

NTIA Claims BPL Could Help Alleviate Power Line Noise



(Jun 9, 2004) -- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's comments in the BPL *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* more clearly reveal the political face of an agency eager and determined to sell the technology's viability, no matter what its own scientists have concluded.

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FCC Extends BPL Reply Comments Filing Deadline



(May 27, 2004) -- The FCC has extended the deadline to file reply comments in its broadband over power line (BPL) proceeding, ET Docket 04-37, from Tuesday, June 1, to Tuesday, June 22. The Commission released its BPL *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* February 23, and the initial comment deadline passed May 3.

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Seats still available for Level II emergency communications course



(Jun 17, 2004) -- Openings remain for the next class of the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level II on-line course (EC-002). Registration will be open through the June 19-20 weekend, and the class begins Tuesday, June 29. Registration for the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level III on-line course (EC-003) will open Monday, June 21 at 1201 AM EST and stay open through the June 26-27 weekend or until all available seats have been filled--whichever comes first. Class begins Tuesday, July 6. Thanks to our grant sponsor--the

United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) Web page. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrl.org; 860-594-0340.

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ARRL in Substantial Agreement with FCC on Wide-Ranging Proposals



(Jun 16, 2004) -- The ARRL told the FCC this week that it substantially agrees with the Commission's proposed wide-ranging changes to the Part 97 Amateur Radio rules. The League filed comments June 15 in the so-called "omnibus" *Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O)* in WT Docket 04-140, released April 15. The proceeding addresses several largely unrelated Amateur Radio petitions for rule making, including some filed by ARRL. Although the *NPRM&O* does not take up comprehensive

Amateur Radio restructuring, the League noted in its comments that it sets the stage for the FCC to act on a far-reaching restructuring plan. While complimenting the Commission for a well-considered document, the League observed that it took a long time to be released. Some petitions will have been on the table for between three and four years before the FCC concludes the proceeding, the League pointed out.

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Iowa Ham is BPL Interference "Poster Child"



(Jun 15, 2004) -- The ARRL has weighed in on behalf of Iowa amateur and ARRL member Jim Spencer, W0SR, of Cedar Rapids, who has suffered severe broadband over power line (BPL) interference for more than two months. A formal complaint to FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief David H. Solomon calls on the Commission not only to order Alliant Energy's BPL field trial system to shut down but to fine the utility \$10,000 for violating the Communications Act of 1934 and FCC Part 15 rules. Alleging "ongoing harmful and willful interference to one or more licensed radio stations," the ARRL asked Solomon to intervene "on an emergency basis." ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, who signed the

letter of complaint, said Alliant Energy has been aware since March 30--the date it installed Amperion BPL equipment in Spencer's neighborhood--that the BPL system was causing harmful interference. While Sumner acknowledges that the utility has been cooperative, mitigation efforts have been only marginally successful, and the BPL system continues in operation, despite repeated requests to eliminate the interference or shut the system down.

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ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration



(Jun 15, 2004) -- Registration for the ARRL Antenna Modeling (EC-004) on-line course remains open through Sunday, June 20. Classes begin Tuesday June 29. This course is an excellent way to learn the ins and outs of antenna modeling. Computer-modeling expert and noted author L.B. Cebik, W4RNL, has combined the expertise of his long career as a college

professor with his passion for antennas and antenna modeling to offer a comprehensive, yet practical, course of study. Registration for the Technician Licensing course (EC-010) also remains open through Sunday, June 27. Classes begin Tuesday, July 6. With the assistance of a mentor, EC-010 students learn everything they need to know to pass the FCC Technician license class test. To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) Web page or contact the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Program Department, cce@arrl.org.

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Getting Ham Radio on Congressional Radar Screen Difficult but Not

Impossible



(Jun 14, 2004) -- If radio amateurs want to get their concerns on the congressional radar screen, they need to let their elected senators and representative know about them, says the US Senate sponsor of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003. Idaho Republican Michael Crapo notes that the hundreds of topics lawmakers face each day--from the Iraq war to the budget and health care--already make it an uphill battle to get ham radio matters noticed. Amateurs, he suggests, have to take a little initiative.

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ARRL Emergency Communications Course Registration



(Jun 11, 2004) -- Seats are still available for the ARRL on-line Level I Emergency Communications course (EC-001). Registration remains open through Sunday, June 13, or until all available seats have been filled--whichever comes first. Registration opens Monday, June 14, 12:01 AM EDT (0401 UTC), for the Level II Emergency Communications on-line course (EC-002). Registration remains open through Sunday, June 20, or until all seats are filled--whichever occurs first. Class begins Tuesday, June 29. Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation--the \$45 registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. Seats are limited. Register early to ensure your place in the June classes! To learn more, visit the [ARRL Certification and Continuing Education](#) (C-CE) Web page. For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, dmiller@arrrl.org; 860-594-0340.

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2004 OVH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Ben Gelb KF4KJQ

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Many of you probably know Ben through his participation in operating events and ARES functions such as the Marine Corps, for which he's coordinated the medical net, Hurricane Isabel, and the Dulles Emergency Drill. Ben is also president of TJ's ham club, a Member of Vienna Wireless Society's Board of Directors, and webmaster for the VWS website. In May, he made his first trip to Dayton Hamvention.

Ben has done pretty well in the classroom too. He has a GPA of 4.037, and is a member a team of student systems administrators who maintain school's Computer System Laboratory, and web and email servers. He is also participant in the school's annual Botball robotics competition, and worked with some friends to develop a popular online computer game, Kings of Chaos. Many of Ben's school projects have amateur radio applications.

David Bell, Laboratory Director of TJ's Technology Education Department, says: "Ben's presence in class has made him the natural leader...From the very first days in the beginning-level Digital Electronics Class to the Microprocessor Systems Class, and now the Audio Electronics Class, Ben has leapt at the opportunity to explain complicated topics to others, and to lead them to new heights that kindled so much innovation in our lab. He is the spark that develops the highly stimulating academic/engineering environment."

This fall, Ben will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He plans to major in computer science and electrical engineering.

Ashil Farahmand

Osbourn High School

Ashil has a GPA of 3.981, and is ranked 30th of 422 students. One of his teachers, Michael George, wrote that, “He has maturity beyond his years as evidenced by his efforts to develop himself mentally, spiritually, and physically... Ashil’s attention to detail is evident in the quality of his work, reports, and networking assignments. His willingness to assist his classmates with difficult concepts reinforces his qualities as a student, and as an outstanding candidate for the OVH Scholarship.

There’s no question but that Ashil is certainly a well-rounded individual. He is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors, and received an Outstanding Student Achievement Award from the Manassas City School Board. He also attended the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics.

Ashil is a member of several student organizations, and Osbourn’s varsity indoor track team. He is an assistant instructor for the school’s Cisco Networking Academy, a chemistry tutor, and assistant team coordinator for the Team America Rocketry Challenge. His community activities include serving as an instructor at Camp Eagle, an organizer for Operation Turkey, and a team captain for the Manassas Area Soccer Association.

Ashil is on his way to Virginia Tech where he will major in engineering. He plans to become a network engineer.

Thanks to the other members of the Scholarship Committee: MaryLu KB4EFP and John N4YOB.

Special Operating Events

June

Sainte Marie du Mont, France: Reseau des Emetteurs Francais, TM6JUN. **May 31-Jun 13.** 60th anniversary of Allied disembarkment at Utah Beach. SSB and CW 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter bands. QSL. Denis Villemion, F5RJM, Le Flaquet, 50470 Tollevast, France.

Ponca City, OK: Kay County Amateur Radio Club, K5P. 2100Z **Jun 4**-2000Z **Jun 5.** Ponca City Oklahoma’s Annual Jumpin in June celebration. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL or certificate. Joseph Widner, 3644 Ashbury Rd, Ponca City, OK 74604.

Willow Run, MI: Yankee Air Museum, W8YAF/AM. 1300-1600Z **Jun 4** and 2100-000Z **Jun 6.** Celebrating the restoration of WWII B-25D Mitchell bomber *Yankee Warrior*-aeronautical-mobile enroute to and from Reading, PA, Airshow. 146.55.. Yankee Air Museum, Mr Sevim Ablay, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590. www.vankeeairmuseum.org/YAFFlv.html.

Boston Harbor area, MA: USS *LST-325* Amateur Radio Club, W2T. **Jun 4-Jun 14.** USS *LST-325* 46-day, 4119 mile trip up the east coast of the United States. All amateur bands. QSL. Robert Wilder, AF2HD, 6032 Idlemoore Ct, Theodore, AL 36582-4036. Trip begins May 24; WW2LST/MM will also be used.

Badin, NC: Montgomery Amateur Radio Society, NC4MC. 1400Z-2100Z **Jun 5.** 60th Anniversary US Navy B-25 lost in Badin Lake, NC. 28.480 21.360 14.260 7.235. Certificate. Jim Aderholt, KI4DH, 128 Northwood Ln, Robbins, NC 27325.

Cobb Island, MD: Charles County Amateur Radio Club, K3SMD. 1200Z-2100Z **Jun 5.** Celebration of Cobb Island Day 2004. 28.345 21.345 14.245 7.245. QSL. CCARC, PO Box 73, Accokeek, MD 20607.

Tylertown, MS: Southwest Mississippi Amateur Radio Club, KD5QNC. 1500Z-2200Z **Jun 5**. Walthall County Dairy Festival. 14.270 7.270. QSL. Southwest Mississippi ARC/KD5QNC, 1545 Friendship Ln NW, Brookhaven, MS 39601. <http://www.swmarc.cjb.net/>.

Union, IL: Illinois Railway Museum, W9T. 1400Z-2100Z **Jun 5**. 51st Anniversary of the Museum. 145.390 28.350 21.350 14.250. Certificate. Larry Zacharias, 1031 Pershing Dr, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Camden, NJ: Battleship *New Jersey* Amateur Radio Station, NJ2BB. 1200Z **Jun 5**-2359Z **Jun 6**. 50th anniversary of the four Iowa Class battleships sailing together. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR, 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08055.

Green River, WY: Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, WY7U. 1800Z **Jun 5**-1800Z **Jun 6**. Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch UPRR train robberies. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.915. QSL. Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, 1000 South Dakota, Green River, WY 82935. www.qsl.net/wy7u -- special certificate for working both Jun and Aug events.

Linthicum, MD: Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W3HEM. 1300Z **Jun 5**-2200Z **Jun 6**. The contributions of electronics to D-Day invasion. 14.244 7.244 14.044 7.044. Certificate. HEMARC, PO Box 746 MS4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. <http://www.qsl.net/w3gr>.

Streetsville, ON: Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS. 1400-2000Z daily **Jun 5** and **Jun 6**. Annual Streetsville Bread & Honey Festival. 28.480 21.315 14.240 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5L 1M6. Include \$1 US, 2 IRCs or 2 green stamps for postage. <http://www.marc.on.ca/>.

Windsor, Ontario: Amherstburg Radio Club, VE3TMG. 1600Z **Jun 5**-2359Z **Jun 6**. Commemorating CKLW radio station on the air since 1932. 28.460 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Terry Greenwood, 2210 Janette Ave, Windsor, ON, Canada N8X 1Z8. Include \$1 US for postage.

Birmingham, AL: D&G Amateur Radio Association, W4V. 1500Z **Jun 5**-2400Z **Jun 13**. Celebrating the restoration of the Vulcan statue. 14.260. QSL. W4DAI, PO Box 51, Alton, AL 35015-0051. <http://www.valcanpark.org/>.

Atkinson, NH: Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. 0401Z **Jun 5**-0400Z **Jun 20**. Celebrating Kid's Day and Amateur Radio Awareness. 28.370 21.370 14.270 7.230. Certificate. Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811.

New Orleans, LA: Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, W5D. 1400Z-2200Z **Jun 6**. 60th anniversary of D-Day from New Orleans. 14.250. Certificate. W5GAD, PO Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033. <http://www.qsl.net/w5gad>.

West Chester (Cincinnati area), OH: West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA. 1200Z **Jun 6**-0500Z **Jun 7**. 60th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. 28.305 21.305 14.275 7.275 CW up 35 kHz 10 15 20 40 m. QSL. WC8VOA, PO Box 913, West Chester, OH 45071. www.wc8voa.org.

Various, England, Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6OL. 0700Z **Jun 6**-2359Z **July 3**. 60th Anniversary of Operation Overlord 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey, GØSWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. www.rsars.org.uk.

Fond du Lac, WI: Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W9W. 1800Z **Jun 11**-1800Z **Jun 13**. Walleye Weekend Festival. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. Dave Witt, WD9W, 1160 S Park Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Clearfield, PA: Quad County Amateur Radio Club, N3QC. 1400Z-2000Z **Jun 12**. Clearfield County Bicentennial. 444.625 146.865 14.230 7.225. Certificate. QCARA, Jeffrey Rowles, 3319 Allport Cutoff, Morrisdale, PA 16858. www.qcarc.com.

Weatherly, PA: Anthracite Repeater Association, KB3AGZ. 1300Z-2000Z **Jun 12**. Weatherly Hill Climb. 7.280. Certificate. Jack Provizzi, PO Box 356, Beaver Meadows, PA 18216.

Maple Valley, WA: Maple Valley Amateur Radio Club, KC7KEY. 1600Z **Jun 12**-0400Z **Jun 13**. Tenth Anniversary of Maple Valley club founding. 28.455 21.347 14.267 3.965. Certificate. Tom Patterson, PO Box 488, Maple Valley, WA 98038. www.kc7key.org.

Indianapolis, IN: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. 1500Z **Jun 12**-0300Z **Jun 21** weekends, intermittently week days. US Grand Prix. 28.340 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840 PSK31. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218-0495. www.qrz.com/w9ims.

Warsaw, IN: Hoosier Lakes Radio Club, W9W. 1500Z-2300Z **Jun 19**. Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Warsaw, IN. 14.240 14.040 7.240 7.040. Certificate. Joe Sanburn, WA9PSV, 1095 W 200 S, Warsaw, IN 46580. www.maplenet.net/~lmetlon/.

Lake Angelus, MI: McMath Hulbert Solar Observatory, K8MHO. 1600Z **Jun 19**-2000Z **Jun 20**. 70th anniversary of the first movies of surface of the sun. 21.350 14.250 7.250 3.850. Certificate. McMath Hulbert Astronomical Society, 895 N Lake Angelus Rd, Lake Angelus, MI 48326. www.mcmathhulbert.org.

Fayetteville, AR: Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest, W5F. 1400-0000 **Jun 19-20** and 1400-000 **Jun 20-21**. Airfest 2004. Bottom portion of General band 20m 15 m SSB. QSL. ARKAN, PO Box 9701, Fayetteville, AR 72702. www.arkan.us.

Rock Island, IL: Green River Valley Amateur Radio Society, K9G. 1800Z **Jun 23**-1800Z **Jul 4**. Grand Excursion 2004--150th anniversary of America's first railroad connection to the Mississippi River. 14.270 21.305 7.260. QSL. Peter Beedlow, NN9K, 741 Greenway Ave, Colona, IL 61241. www.grandexcursion.com.

Boston Harbor area, MA: USS LST-325 Amateur Radio Club, W2T. **Jun 26-Jul 1.** USS LST-325 46-day, 4119 mile trip up the east coast of the United States. All amateur bands. QSL. Robert Wilder, AF2HD, 6032 Idlemoore Ct, Theodore, AL 36582-4036. Trip begins May 24; WW2LST/MM will also be used.

Landrus, PA: Nessmuk Amateur Radio Association, W3BGK. 1500Z-2100Z **Jun 26.** 1890 coal mine ghost town of Landrus, first electric coal mine in area. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Nessmuk ARA, W3BGK, PO Box 101, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

Los Alamos, NM: Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, W5PDO. 1500Z-1800Z **Jun 26.** Earthwatch Institute's Student Challenge Awards Program from Fenton Hill Observatory. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. Don Casperson, AA5PA, 984 Nambé Loop, Los Alamos, NM 87544. <http://laastro.lanl.gov/earthwatch>.

Rocky Mount, NC: Castalia Island DX Association, K4UP. 1800Z **Jun 26-1800Z Jun 27.** Annual emergency communications readiness demonstration. 14.225. QSL. K4UP, PO Box 3, Castalia, NC 27816. www.qsl.net/w4rmt/fieldday.shtml.

July

Green Bay, WI: Green Bay Mike and Key Club, K9EAM. 0100Z **Jun 19-1800Z Jul 2.** In celebration of Green Bay's Sesquicentennial. 21.245 14.245 7.245 3.845. QSL. Green Bay Mike and Key Club, PO Box 13351, Green Bay, WI 54307.

La Crosse, WI: Riverland Amateur Radio Club, W9L. 1500Z-2200Z **Jul 2.** The Grand Excursion recreating the 1854 steamboat expo. 21.280 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Roger Reader, KA9BKK, 526 13th Ave N, Onalaska, WI 54650.

Ashland, OH: Ashland Area Amateur Radio Club, W8O. 1400Z **Jul 2-2200Z Jul 3.** Ashland BalloonFest 2004. 7.275 7.235 3.975 3.935. Certificate. W8RPS, 834 CR 30A, Ashland, OH 44805. www.summermotion.com

Brookings, SD: Brookings Amateur Radio Research Club, W0BXO. 1400Z **Jul 2-0001Z Jul 3.** The 125th Anniversary of the City of Brookings, SD. 28.450 21.350 14.260 7.260. QSL. W0XO, 307 Third Ave, Brookings, SD 57006. www.qsl.net/brrc/.

Leavenworth, KS: Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club, KS0LV. 1700Z **Jul 2-2400Z Jul 11.** Lewis & Clark/Leavenworth, KS, Sesquicentennial Celebration. 21.370 14.240 7.262 3.902. QSL. The Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club Inc, PO Box 632, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Hannibal, MO: Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, W0MTL. 1400Z-2300Z **Jul 3.** National Tom Sawyer Days. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Dr, Quincy, IL 62305.

Smithville, TN: DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club, KC4GUG. 1400Z-2200Z **Jul 3.** 33rd Annual Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree & Crafts Festival. 28.425 21.325 14.280 7.275. QSL. Wm Freddy Curtis, 288 Dogwood Cir, Smithville, TN 37166. www.geocities.com/kc4bto1/dekalb_club.html.

Ashland, KY: RiverCities Amateur Radio Association, KA4OIL. 1200Z-1900Z **Jul 3.** Summer Motion in the Park. 28.350 14.250 7.250 3.950. Certificate. RCARA, PO Box 612, Ashland, KY 41105.

Kingsville, TX: Wild Horse Desert Hams ARC, K5WHD. 0000Z **Jul 3-0000Z Jul 4.** 100th anniversary of the founding of Kingsville, TX. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. Pat Allison, KD5TXD, 295 E FM 1118, Kingsville, TX 78363.

Lake Kiowa, TX: Lake Kiowa ARC, K5L. 0001Z **Jul 3-2359Z Jul 4.** Lake Kiowa July 4th Celebration. 21.250 14.250 14.170 7.072. Certificate. Jim Innis, K5SP, 1005 Kent Dr, Gainesville, TX 76240.

Fort Missoula, MT: Hellgate Amateur Radio Club, W7PX. 1500Z **Jul 3-0000Z Jul 5.** Lewis and Clark Expedition and Independence Day. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. QSL and Certificate. HARC, POB 3811, Missoula, MT 59806-3811. <http://pweb.amerion.com/k7vk>.

Beecher, IL: Hams of Beecher, W9B. 1600Z-2300Z **Jul 4.** 4th anniversary Welcome Home Beecher Train Depot. 28.340 14.270 14.040 7.270 146.49. Certificate. Gene Backlin, 26811 Greenbriar Dr, Monee, IL 60449.

Thompson, OH: Lake County Amateur Radio Association, N8GB. 1400Z **Jul 4-0200Z Jul 5.** Heritage of Our Country--Happy Birthday America. 2.1320 7.248. Certificate. George R. Bair, 386 Cedarbrook Dr, Painesville, OH 44077.

Van Wert, OH: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club, W8FY. 1400Z-2000Z **Jul 5.** Holiday at Home--Van Wert County Historical Museum. 14.250 7.250 7.050. Certificate. Van Wert Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 602, Van Wert, OH 45891.

Austin, TX: Naturist Amateur Radio Club, NU5DE. 0000Z **Jul 8-2400Z Jul 11.** Annual Nude Awareness Celebration--Nude Recreation Week. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Naturist Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 200812, Austin, TX 78720. www.nu5de.org.

Trenton, MI: Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM. 1600Z **Jul 9-2359Z Jul 11.** 29th Annual Trenton Mid-Summer Festival. 14.244 14.044 7.244 7.044. Certificate. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM, Trenton Mid-Summer Festival Station, PO Box 337, Wyandotte, MI 48192. www.W8MRM.org.

Alexandria, VA: Alexandria Radio Club, W4HFH. 1600Z **Jul 10-0300Z Jul 11.** Alexandria Radio Club's 50th anniversary (1954-2004). 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. Alexandria Radio Club, W4HFH, PO Box 30721, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Morris Canal, NJ: Nutley Amateur Radio Society, W2GLQ. 1300Z **Jul 10-2200Z Jul 11.** First Historic Morris Canal Special Event, from several locations along the canal. General portions of the bands. QSL. Nutley ARS, c/o American Red Cross Building, 169 Chestnut St, Nutley, NJ 07110. QSL for each location; certificate for all. <http://hometown.aol.com/kc2aup>.

Westchester, IL: Chicago Suburban Radio Association, N9BAT. 1700Z **Jul 10**-0100Z **Jul 12**. Celebrating at Westchester Fest, CSRA's 80th anniversary. 147.225 21.330 14.290 7.260. Certificate. Ray Good, 855 S Kenilworth, Oak Park, IL 60304.

Perkasie, PA: RF Hill Amateur Radio Club, W3AI. 1600Z-2000Z **Jul 11**. Pennridge Community Day. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Special Event Station, RF Hill Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 336, Perkasie, PA 18944. www.rfhill.ampr.org.

Kane, PA: Kane Amateur Radio Operators, AA3GM. 1800Z **Jul 16**-1300Z **Jul 18**. Celebrating the annual Kanefest Festival. 28.355 21.355 14.255 7.255. Certificate. Kenneth T. Frankenbery, 5111 Glenwall Dr, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Wapakoneta, OH: Reservoir Amateur Radio Association, K8QLY. 1300Z-1900Z **Jul 17**. Celebrating the 35th anniversary of landing on the moon. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Walter Vogel, WB8FNB, 14455 CR 66A, St Marys, OH 45885.

Birmingham, AL: Birmingham Amateur Radio Club, W4CUE. 1500Z **Jul 17**-2300Z **Jul 18**. Birmingham Amateur Radio Club's 78th anniversary. 28.480 21.360 14.050 14.260 7.250 3.850. QSL. W4CUE, PO Box 603, Birmingham, AL 35201-0603. www.w4cue.com.

Baton Rouge, LA: USS *Kidd* ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 0001 **Jul 17**-2359 **Jul 18**. Museum Ships Weekend Event. General class bands, 14.320 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS *Kidd* Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm.

Boston, MA: Raytheon Portsmouth SubSig Amateur Radio Club, K1WEW. 0001Z **Jul 17**-2359Z **Jul 18**. USS *Constitution* Special Event Station for Museum Ships 2004. 14.275 7.225 3.850 146.46. QSL. Eric K. Jamieson, KO1K, 60 Norman Dr, Tiverton, RI 02878. www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html.

Quincy, MA: USS *Salem* Radio Club, K1USN. 0001Z **Jul 17**-2359Z **Jul 18**. Museum Ships Radio Event. 14.260 7.260 14.039 7.039. Certificate. Robert Callahan, W1QWT, 56 Acorn St, Scituate, MA 02066. www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html.

Wingdale, NY: Steve Jacobson Memorial ARA, N2SJ. 1800Z-2300Z **Jul 18**. Camp Ramah in the Berkshires 2004 Amateur Radio program. 28.350 14.275 7.240. QSL. Bernard Umlas, N2NVU, 30 West 34th St, #3A12, New York, NY 10001.

Fremont, MI: Amateurs of Newaygo County, W1B. **Jul 20-Jul 24**. 14th Annual National Baby Food Festival. General portions of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. Certificate. Leo Woodward, WD8DCA, 304 N Stone Rd, Fremont, MI 49412.

Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6LOG. 0700Z **Jul 21**-2359Z **Aug 18**. 60th anniversary of the liberation of Guam 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey. G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. www.rsars.org.uk.

Corinth, MS: Alcorn County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, W5I. 1800Z **Jul 23**-1800Z **Jul 25**. Civil War Interpretive Center, Shiloh National Park. 14.280 7.280. Certificate. ACARES --Area Promotion Council, PO Box 2158, Corinth, MS 38835-2158. www.arrrlmiss.org.

Henlopen State Park, DE: WA3WSJ. 1400Z **Jul 23**-0000Z **Jul 25**. Activation of four lighthouses and one lightship in Delaware. 14.270 14.030 7.270 7.030 PSK31 14.070. QSL. Edward R. Breneiser, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606.

Collingwood, ON, Canada: CERTS/CARC, VE3BPQ. 1200Z-2200Z **Jul 24**. 10th anniversary of Elvis Festival in Collingwood. 28.360 14.180 7.180 3.780. Certificate. VE3BPQ, 248 Birch St, Collingwood, ON L9Y 2V6, Canada.

DeSmet, SD: Lake Area Radio Klub and Huron Amateur Radio Club, W0WTN. 1600Z **Jul 24**-2200Z **Jul 25**. Annual Little House on the Prairie Pageant. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. LARK, PO Box 642, Watertown, SD 57201. www.w0wtn.org.

Warren, OH: Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8P. 1200Z **Jul 24**-1000Z **Jul 25**. National Packard Auto Show. 10 20 40 m. Certificate. Gail Wells, 708 Delaware SW, Warren, OH 44485.

Port Colborne, ON, Canada: Welland County Amateur Radio Club, VE3WCD. 1300Z **Jul 31**-2100Z **Aug 1**. Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. 28.350 21.250 14.250 7.250. QSL. Doug Frame, VE3JDF, 895 Lakeshore Rd E, Port Colborne, ON L3K 5V3, Canada.

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Location:
384 MAIN ST
LAUREL WOMEN'S CLUB
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
LAUREL, MD 20707

19-Jun-2004

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MADISON, VA 22727

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WINCHESTER, VA 22601**17-Jul-2004****Sponsor:** LAUREL ARC VEC**Time:** 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** JOHN B CREEL
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384 MAIN ST
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LAUREL, MD 20707**24-Jul-2004****Sponsor:** AERO ARC**Time:** 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** PATRICIA E STONE
(410)687-7209**Email:** AC3FAC3P@YAHOO.COM**VEC:** ARRL/VEC**Location:** BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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(301)824-5132**Email:** RJLONG61@MD.NET**VEC:** ARRL/VEC**Location:** HAGERSTOWN SDA CHURCH
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HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742**31-Jul-2004****Sponsor:** AERO ARC**Time:** 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** PATRICIA E STONE
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200 TRINITY ROAD
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YORK, PA 17404**14-Aug-2004****Sponsor:** SOUTHERN PA COMM GROUP VE TEAM**Time:** 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)**Contact:** CAROL KIRSCHMAN
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SPECIAL THANKS

Everyone who helped with the HAMFEST setup, operations, and breakdown deserves all the thanks that the local ham community can give them. But I've had several specific requests from hamfest volunteers for a "Special Thanks" for duty above and beyond the norm. Steve and Jan Frick braved the natural elements of wind and heavy rains during the setup period. I'm sure that there were others who also braved the elements but their efforts were not brought to my attention. Thanks Steve and Jan!!!

My own personal thanks go to the luck of the draw. Even though I was the only one of my family to attend the hamfest, one of the three-hamfest tickets I bought (for KB4OF, WD4RKH, and KC4OYD) won the grand prize at the hamfest. I had been casting long and covetous looks at Icom 406MKIIG since it first came out. The only other thing I ever won was a letter in 1968 from Uncle Sam starting with the word "Greetings!" This win was infinitely the better of the two!!!!

Steve/KB4OF OVH Newsletter Editor