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Next meeting: July 21, 2003

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

(Editor)

Greetings to all OVHers,

As I am writing this, I am still recovering from the fun and activities of **Field Day**. I hope that wherever you were on the weekend of **June 28th** and **29th**, that you enjoyed yourself with radio operating, fun and fellowship. Let us not forget the real reason for this weekend, to prepare ourselves to serve our community in the event of a natural and/or man-made disaster and to acquaint the local community with what we as amateur radio operators have to offer. The biggest highlight of my Field Day was sharing with a group of children from **India** who were now living in **Herndon** about the fun and fellowship to be had via ham radio (one of us was asked by one of the children if you could talk to someone in India on the ham radio). **OVH** had another fabulous **Field Day** at **Nokesville Regional Park**. Many thanks to our FD chairman **Bill/K9ZD**, for working hard to coordinate this fine event.

In keeping with the emergency preparedness theme, **David Lane/KG4GIY** will be giving a presentation about **ARES** and **RACES** and their role in the event of a local or national **emergency** at our next meeting, which will be held on **Monday, July 21st**. If you have any ideas about programs for club meetings or know someone who would be willing to come to speak to us about an amateur radio related event, please feel free to contact me either on the internet at KU4WH@arrrl.net or by landline at **703-331-1234**.

73 for now,

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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.

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@ar1.net

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Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting – June 16, 2003

President Ruth Frock /KU4WH called the meeting to order at 2004 Eastern daylight time.

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all present stated their names and call signs. There was an ovation when **Butch/W4HJL** said his name and call sign. You're looking great and healthy Butch, and we all **hope** that you make a **full recovery** from your **recent bypass surgery**. There were **24 OVH members** and two guests present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the **May 2003 OVH meeting** were **approved** without corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Bill / N4WJN** - The Treasurer's Report passed.

Committee Reports:

REPEATERS: **Art / KW4AW** - All machines have battery backup now. All should be up and running shortly. Thanks go to all OVH members who have helped with the repeaters.

HAMFEST: **Ruth / KU4WH** - **Jack / N4YIC** has been the OVH Hamfest **Chairman** for several years now and has done an **excellent job**. However, Jack will no longer be the Chairman. Ruth asked that we use the September OVH meeting to plan for the next Hamfest. **Thank you Jack**, for all of your help with the OVH Hamfest over the years, and for making that event very successful year after year. A motion was passed for OVH to send Jack and his wife for a dinner at **Panino's**.

MEMBERSHIP: **Charlotte/KG4QXO** - Three new members were read in and will be voted on at the July OVH meeting: **Keith Pageau/N8PDH**, **Wallace Johnson/KF4QQP** and **Richard Bartell/KN3FMZ**.

WEEKLY NETS: **Ken/WB4ZOH** - all is going well with the nets.

ARES: **David/KG4GIY** - A new AEC has been appointed, and David is looking for one other AEC. David proposed that we **consider** having a method to **link** for the **Woodbridge** and **OVH repeaters** to be linked during emergencies. This would allow for **complete coverage** throughout **Prince William County**. There was some discussion on the feasibility and desirability of this procedure. There will be a region-wide **emergency test** in the **near future**. This test will **cover** the **District** and all nearby **counties** in **Virginia** and **Maryland**.

D.A.R.E.: **Mark/WA4KFZ** - The event was successful. We would like to get a better turnout of children at future event. Thank you Mark and everyone else who participated in this important event for young people.

PACKET: **Bill/N4WJN** - We need to **change** out an **antenna**, so Bill will be recruiting people for an **antenna party** some time **this summer**. A new antenna will get us onto the **emergency packet operations**. This would also get us **further south** into **Virginia** and even into **North Carolina**.

EDUCATION: **Bill/K9ZD** - The **class** is over, and the class was very successful. The VE session was successful, and several new licenses were earned. Thank you, to all who participated in the VE session.

BAKE SALE: **Ruth/KU4WH** - **\$134** was collected from the **bake sale** at the **Hamfest**. It has been a tradition that OVH matches the amount collected for a donation to a worthy charity. A motion passed to **donate \$250**, at the Wikfor's suggestion, to the **American Heart Association**.

Break

New Business:

Ken/WB4ZOH - OVH is participating in the "**Deep Impact Discovery Mission to Comet Tempel 1**." Ken has arranged to have **OVH's name** represented on a **CD** aboard the **spacecraft**. The spacecraft will **impact** on that comet. One part of its mission is to relay information about the makeup of the comet after the spacecraft impacts on the comet. Ken has also arranged to have the **OVH represented** on a CD that is aboard the recently-launched mission to **Mars**. Thank you Ken for arranging for this very **unique method** of bringing publicity to the Ole' Virginia Hams.

David/KG4GIY – David proposed that for **FieldDay 2004**, we have the Field Day at the **Harris Pavilion** in **downtown Manassas**. That would help generate more **publicity** for the OVH and for amateur radio in general by having field day in a **more public** and visited place. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will consider this idea for a future field day event or for other special events. **General consensus** from those present was that we, as amateur radio operators, do **need** to try to **bring more young people** into our hobby.

FIELD DAY: **Bill/K9ZD** - We need trucks to transport our equipment to the **Nokesville Field Day** site, and it appears that we are covered. **Bill** and **George/KE2AM** will **offer** their **ICOM HF radios** for use at field day. **Phil/AC4PL** will take care of the

purchasing the food and drinks for Field Day. We would like to have good coverage for our **3A event**, but we will not assign time slots.

Brian/N8FK – Brian introduced a **motion to spend up to \$250 for door prizes** for Field Day. The **motion passed**. The idea is to provide **more incentive** for OVH members to **operate stations** at Field Day.

50/50 DRAWING – **Phil/AC4PL** won the **50/50** drawing. A total of **\$28** was collected. **Butch/W4HJL** left the meeting at the break and before the drawing, and requested that the money be donated back to the Club should he win. Phil donated his winning share back to the Ole' Virginia Hams in honor of Butch's requested donation.

The **meeting adjourned** at 2153 Eastern daylight time.

Submitted by **Phil/AC4PL**

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to **Dwight/N4GSD, Ken/WB4ZOH, John/N4YOB, Steve/KB4OF, Brenda/WD4RKH, Bernice/KA4SCA, Ken/KB4BWM, and George/KE2AM** -- hope each one's day is great!

Condolences to Dwight/N4GSD, whose grandmother died recently. **Our prayers are with you and your family.**

An update on **Harry/W4PVA** - he is at a **rehabilitative** facility in Fairfax, trying to get his strength back after having pneumonia. The facility is called **Manor Care**, 12475 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy (Rte 50), between Fair Oaks Mall and Fairfax Parkway. He can be reached at **703-218-3289**, and **would love to hear from you!** Just in -- Harry will be **getting a day off** tomorrow at his **daughter's house** in Manassas, and will then return to Manor Care for **another 2-3 weeks!**

An update on **Lisa/KF4FJD** -- she is back in the hospital due to a fall during her latest '**episode**' -- she has **Multiple Sclerosis** type symptoms, and is **responding** to treatment for that, but is still waiting on a **spinal tap** for definite **diagnosis** -- when she was at **John's Hopkins**, the club sent her a lovely **bouquet** -- now she's at **Prince William Hospital**, Room 3201, having **rehabilitation therapy** -- she would **love to have visitors; please visit and say something funny** to cheer her up! -- There isn't much you can bring yet, since she has a bad case of **double vision**, and has had **stroke-like loss** of muscle tone, including **difficulties speaking** -- when she is **feeling better**, she'd **like books on tape**.

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Happy Birthday, Ed Lu, KC5WKJ!



Happy Birthday, Ed Lu, KC5WKJ! (Jul 1, 2003) -- Astronaut Ed Lu, KC5WKJ, celebrates his 40th birthday July 1 while orbiting 240 miles above Earth onboard the International Space Station. Lu is NASA's ISS science officer and flight engineer on the Expedition 7 crew that also includes Yuri Malenchenko, RK3DUO. In honor of Lu's birthday, Hawaii Gov Linda Lingle has proclaimed July 1 "Edward Tsang Lu Day" in Hawaii. Lu considers Honolulu his hometown and has a great fondness for Hawaiian "aloha shirts." Both crewmembers have been occasionally sporting the colorful new attire that arrived last month on a Russian Progress rocket as a gift from their support team in Houston. Lu and Malenchenko--the first two-person ISS crew increment--arrived at the space

outpost April 28 aboard a Soyuz rocket to begin its six-month mission. In the photo, the aloha-shirted duo speak with aquanauts during last months NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO) mission. Peggy Whitson, KC5ZTD, an ISS veteran, headed up the NASA crew that spent two weeks on the ocean's bottom. On July 1 Mission Control flight control team members are wearing aloha shirts to honor Lu's birthday. For more information about NASA, human space flight, astronauts, and the International Space Station on the Internet, visit the [NASA Human Space Flight](#) Web site or visit Lu's "[Greetings, Earthlings--Ed's Musings from Space](#)" Web site

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Tang--or Something Like it--Still a Space Drink



Tang--or Something Like it--Still a Space Drink (Jul 1, 2003) -- Despite some technical problems, youngsters at the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana got answers to more than a dozen questions via ham radio from NASA International Space Station Science Officer and Flight Engineer Ed Lu, KC5WKJ. The direct 2-meter contact took place June 26 between Lu, at the controls of NA1SS, and W9PUC, the call sign of the Purdue Calumet Amateur Radio Society, whose members assisted in setting up the Earth station equipment. The contact was arranged as part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program.

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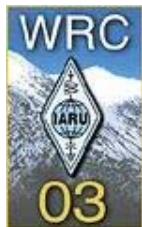
See You on 60!



Feature: See You on 60! Five Channels Now Open for Use (Jul 3, 2003) -- US amateurs have been counting down the weeks and days. Now, the five new 60-meter "channel center" frequencies--5332, 5348, 5368, 5373 and 5405 kHz--have become available to US Amateur Radio operators. Given the constraints imposed on the five lightly used government frequencies, ARRL has been advising members to demonstrate their best operating behavior and to use common sense when operating under the new rules. The channelized allocation at 5 MHz marks the first new HF amateur band since the 1980s.

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Radio History is Made at WRC-03 with 7-MHz Realignment Compromise



Radio History is Made at WRC-03 with 7-MHz Realignment Compromise (Jul 3, 2003) -- There's good news from World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) for 40-meter enthusiasts. In an 11th-hour compromise, delegates to WRC-03, which wraps up officially July 4, agreed to move broadcasters out of 7100 to 7200 kHz in Regions 1 and 3 to make room for the Amateur Service. The agreement eventually will mean a 200-kHz worldwide allocation at 40 meters. Although the change does not go into effect until 2009, that's considered speedy in International Telecommunication Union (ITU) terms. Some of the timelines proposed during discussions on the 7 MHz agenda item would have held off the changes until 2033! The WRC-03 action on 7 MHz makes no change in the exclusive US 40-meter allocation. US amateurs will continue to enjoy the full 7000 to 7300 kHz band they now have.

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Field Day 2003: "Gustnado" Blows Away Florida Site; Van Called to Duty in Kansas



Field Day 2003: "Gustnado" Blows Away Florida Site; Van Called to Duty in Kansas (Jul 2, 2003) -- Members of the Clearwater Amateur Radio Society (CARS) won't soon forget Field Day 2003, when extreme winds and rain spawned by what later became Tropical Storm Bill literally blew away the club's FD site on Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. In Kansas, meanwhile, an Amateur Radio Emergency Service communications van was called out from the Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club (KVARC) FD site just as the event was getting under way. No one was injured in either incident.

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FCC accepting comments on occupied bandwidth petition



FCC accepting comments on occupied bandwidth petition (Jul 3, 2003) -- The FCC has put on public notice and now is accepting comments on a *Petition for Rule Making* from two amateurs calling on the FCC to establish SSB and AM bandwidth standards. The FCC has assigned RM-10740 to the petition, filed May 27 by Michael Lonneke, W0YR, of Round Hill, Virginia, and Melvin Ladisky, W6FDR, of Camarillo, California. Comments are due in 30 days. Referencing four Enforcement Bureau letters (one of which is included in the petition as an exhibit) sent to amateurs and alleging overly wide SSB signals (sometimes called "Enhanced Single Sideband"), the Lonneke/Ladisky petition asks the FCC to "remove the ambiguity" in the Part 97 rules and establish SSB and AM transmission bandwidth standards. On HF frequencies below 28.8 MHz, it recommends a maximum 2.8 kHz bandwidth SSB (J3E) emissions and a maximum 5.6 kHz bandwidth for AM (A3E) emissions. Amateurs may read and comment on this petition via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). To read the petition and filed comments, click on "Search for Filed Comments" under "ECFS Main Links." To file a comment, click on "Submit a Filing." In either case, enter "RM-10740" in the "Proceeding" field. When commenting, also complete the required fields. Comments may be typed into a form or you may attach a file containing your comments. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail, per instructions on the ECFS page.

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ARRL.NET Traffic Blocked by Comcast



ARRL.NET Traffic Blocked by Comcast (Jul 3, 2003) -- UPDATED -- League members with Comcast.net Internet service are currently having their arrl.net e-mail forwarding service blocked by Comcast. As a result of Comcast's recent acquisition of AT&T Broadband, those with attbi.com e-mail addresses may also be affected. Several thousand ARRL members are affected by this action.

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