

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

September 2017

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Welcome to September, it has been a busy time since our last club meeting in July.

From The Marine Corp Triathlon/12K, to the upcoming Freedom Center Tri-It-Now "THE 14.06".

The Solar Eclipse that had all of us watching or looking at it.

Let us not forget about Butch and his surgery. That is just to name a few.

There are others that I have not mentioned.

While I am on the subject of activities, let us not forget that this is National Preparedness Month. Are you ready in case something should happen??

If you would like to volunteer, there are local organizations that could use you such as CERT and ARES. These are just a couple of ways that you can make a difference to your community. As we have recently witnessed, the powerful force of Mother Nature is not to be taken lightly. Hurricane Harvey and Irma have shown us how destructive Mother Nature can be.

Just a reminder that our upcoming regular OVH meeting (and those meeting for the next 12 months or so) will be held at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station which is located at 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas. This will be our first meeting at that new location. There is one other very important change: beginning this month, the OVH's regular monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 when the Buckhall meeting location is available to us. For many years up until now, the OVH's regular meetings have been held on the third Monday of each month.

Keep your thoughts and ideas coming to me at: RayKnight@Verizon.net

73 Ray KM4EKR



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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday which is held at a location in or near Manassas, Virginia which is announced and published in advance. 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 operating with limited D-Star capabilities. 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 wishes in September to Gus / N4MLE, Al / KB4BHB, Maury / W4HYB, Ron / N4RDZ, Gary / WG4ARC, Mark / WA4KFZ, Steve / WB0AOD, and Jim / W4HJH. Hope you all had a great day!

Continued best wishes to Butch / W4HJL who is now home recovering from his surgery

Best wishes to Art / W1CRO who landed in the hospital for a few days but is also back home

Please keep Wayne / N7QLK and his family in your thoughts, his father isn't doing well

Had a great time at the Quantico triathlon on August 26th; the Triathlon Course was on the Marine Corps Base and we had a good show of club members providing communications support. Thank you to the organizers and club members who assisted.

Congratulations to Terry / KC4DV on a successful Special Event operation in South Carolina during the Total Solar Eclipse on August 22, 2017.

Freedom Center Mini-Tri will be held this Sunday, September 17th; please contact Andy / KJ4MTP if you are able to assist beginning early on that Sunday morning. This is a fun event which is run very efficiently.

Congratulations to Jay / ex-KM4JOJ who henceforth will be known as Jay / NQ4T with his newly obtained callsign "short callsign". It takes a lot of dedication and effort to go from Technician to General to Extra Class to be qualify and be eligible for such a short callsign.

The Prince William Half-Marathon is coming up quickly, to be held on October 1st; please contact Wayne / N7QLK if you are able to provide radio support for this event.

I am looking for help with installation of the decals on the OVH club trailer, if you can assist please let me contact me so we can schedule that work.

Please keep the people of Texas and Florida in your thoughts; they really need all the help they can get after these devastating storms.

Please try to check in to the Thursday night VHF/UHF FM net. You will hear updates and information on events! How to do that is on the OVH web site at w4ovh.net. You will find us on the 146.970 and 443.500 FM repeaters at 8:00 pm every Thursday evening.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting in August, 2017:

No meeting was held on the scheduled date (August 22, 2017) in August due to a conflict with the Total Solar Eclipse event on that date; A number of OVH members left town for South Carolina to be in the path of total darkness and could not get back in time for regular OVH meeting. As a result, Club President Ray / KM4EKR cancelled the August meeting.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, October 1, 2017. Carroll County Hamfest. Go to <http://carafest.org> for more info.

HAM RADIO RELATED EVENTS:

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - Mini-Tri event at the Freedom Center. Contact Andy / KJ4MTP who is again coordinating OVH's participation in providing communications support.

Friday, September 28 - Sunday, October 1, 2017. One of the few remaining flying B-17 WWII bombers will be visiting Manassas Airport (KHEF) again. Visit the airport to see the B-17 on the ground or landing and taking off; it is also possible to have an inside the bomber ground tour or a flight in the bomber. Complete information at <http://eaa186.org/fly-the-b-17-manassas-tour-stop>

Saturday, October 1, 2017 - Prince William Half Marathon. The OVH will again be providing communications support for this large, local event. Contact Wayne / N7QLK to volunteer and keep an eye on the OVH email reflector for the latest information.

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm - Jamboree on the Air (JOTA), Boy Scout event at local the Braemar Pool Pavilion. This will be the 60th annual JOTA event and the OVH is planning to support it as in past years; also, local operators (not at the event itself) on 2 meters are needed to assure rapid radio contacts with boy scouts at the event. Contact Theresa / KG4TVM for more info.

Sunday, October 22, 2017 - Marine Corps Marathon.

AMRAD meets monthly 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 which have been changing around recently.

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 / ARES EVENTS

Also, always check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for the latest ARES 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.

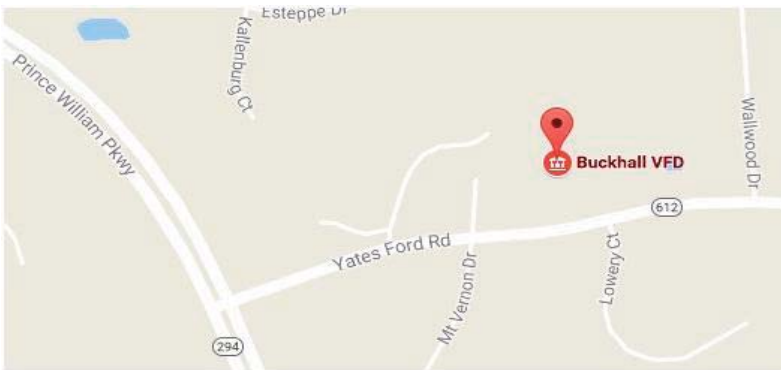
Some Possibly Useful or Interesting Information

1. Contest superStation, K3LR (k3lr.com) is located in Pennsylvania just to the south of Interstate 80, close to the Ohio border, and many of K3LR's antennas are easily seen from the Interstate - a real distraction for hams driving by. Last month a new movie was made of the K3LR antenna farm using a camera carrying Drone operated by Greg / W8WWV. Visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9iaueQiD_E to watch it.
2. A "local" contest superStation, W3LPL, in nearby Maryland is not to be outdone and has its own antenna farm video by the same ham Drone operator. Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1PzsVtxROc>

VP's Corner

Jeff Fuller
WB6UIE

Many thanks to Rob Saul, KK4MXU, and the crew of Buckhall Volunteer Firestation for offering the use of their Training Room for our new OVH monthly meeting site. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19 Sept** at **1930 local**. A map and imagery are shown here. Please use the guest parking area at the front of the station (near the flag pole).



Parking

Training Room
entrance

Since this month is National Emergency Preparedness Month, it's a good time for everyone to check their emergency kits and portable rigs and make sure your batteries are charged.

NOAA's prediction of an active hurricane season has come true in spades. Looks like amateur radio will be a valuable member of the Florida emergency response team. They've put out a call for assistance from local hams on government web sites and news outlets:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4336>

<http://www.fox13news.com/weather/tropics/irma-local-coverage/pasco-co-needs-ham-radio-operators>

As the tragedies in Florida and Texas unfold, shortage of emergency power is getting a lot of press. In many cases, it's driven by fuel shortages. How would we maintain emergency comms in a similar situation? Are we too dependent upon repeaters in one or two bands? How many of you are involved with solar backup or charging? If so, let me know if you would like to give a presentation and demo at one of our club meetings.



THE ERRATIC FEEDBACK FROM A RAPIDLY-VARYING REPEATER SIGNAL CAN MAKE YOU CRAZY.

Adapted from: <https://xkcd.com/1457/>