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

(Editor)

Message From the President

Greetings to All OVH Members:

In last month's column I mentioned getting on the air for some plain old fun. And with cold weather, now is the time to give it a try. The summer static is gone, yardwork (except for the blasted leaves) is over, and people spend more time indoors. This is the time for good conversation.

We've all had the typical, cookie-cutter QSO: name, location, gear, 73. But ham operators have a tremendous variety of interests that aren't related to radio. I've heard, and participated in, any number of conversations with folks I would never meet otherwise. I might use microphone, CW key (VERY slowly), or a keyboard on PSK-31 or RTTY, but it's all fun.

Here are some topics of conversation I've had: recipes and cooking techniques, black powder shooting, playing chess by radio, current (no pun intended) events, economic systems, philosophy, various sports, merits of cigar versus pipe smoking, computers, history, literature, music (playing and listening), and local geography. These are just the items that come immediately to mind. There have been many others.

While it may start as a two way chat, others will often come across the QSO, become interested, and chime in with their experiences or questions. This just adds to the fun. Give it a try. Let's put conversation back into communication.

73, Jeff/N1SN

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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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Minutes of the OVH Meeting

15 October 2001

The meeting was called to order at 2002 by **President Jeff Poulin/N1SN**.

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

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

Committee Reports

Letters: Jeff Poulin/N1SN - Letter from the ARC - thanks for the donation.

Membership: Jeff Poulin/N1SN - One potential new member.

JOTA: John Fritsch/N4YOB - October 20th. **Jack/N4YIC** is heading up the effort on the day of the event. Urbana Swim club - Portsmouth Rd - 234, right on Portsmouth going East. Two groups of Scouts - several going for their radio badge. Friday the 19th for set up at 1600h. Operators there by 0730 on Saturday. Operators still needed - contact **Jack/N4YIC**.

ARES: David Lane/KG4GIY - Thanks to the people for helping out at **Diabetes Walk**. The **American Diabetes Association** was happy to have us and it gave them a real sense of **saftey**. Next big event it the **Marine Corp Marathon** - check out the **PWC ARES web site** (<http://www.qsl.net/pwcares/>) for a jump to the signup page. Next up is the **Christmas Parade** on the 1st of December.

Otherwise, keep your HTs charged, your jump kits ready and monitor the repeater (146.970-).

Education: Bill Hinley/K4WRG - Second class last Tuesday. Disappointing turnout. Do we need to improve our advertizing?

Technical: Art Whittum/KW4AW - **Bill/K4WRG** is now on the **Technical Committee**. Still looking for a couple of other **volunteers**. A couple of things need to be repaired, one could be sold for funds. A Digital Voice Recorder also needs repair and could be sold for funds.

Events: Jeff Poulin/N1SN - **HRO** is having **ICOM** days on the 20th of October at **Woodbridge** from 10:00 - 5:30.

Sometime next month - a picnic park operation on **QRP** or other portable power source at a local site.

Hamfest: Jack McDermott/N4YIC - Hamfest is chugging along as normal.

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Membership: Susan Poulin/K3SSP - Read in: **Hugh Fegely/N3GJG**

Stealth Antennas is this evening's program. Remember **Gooches Paradigm** - "RF gotta go somewhere". There are no shortage of options from mobiles in the window to long wire running through the gutters. Remember to insulate, and try stuff out. Get it up in the air and things will get out.

Meeting adjourned at 2125

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to our friends and club members: **Butch/W4HJL, Charlie/WA4YGI, Charlotte, Gene/KD4RHC, Tom/WA2QAL, Michael/N4REI, Joe/AB4QV, and Doug/AG4KD.** Hope your day is great!

Give thanks for these friends, and for our club, at this time of **Thanksgiving!** Give thanks also for our great country, and for those who fight for our freedoms!

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Charlie (WA4YGI) on the passing of his Dad, Charlie Dale, Sr. (He had just moved to Manassas a month ago to live with Charlie and Ellie).

God Bless America!

Thanks, and 73 de Jan/KE4TMW

Estate Sale

| Item No. | Model Number | Description | Serial No. | Price |
|-------------|------------------------|---|------------|-------------|
| | IC-275H | ICOM VHF All Mode Transceiver | 01652 | \$550.00 |
| | HM-12 | ICOM Microphone and pwr cable | | p/o IC-275H |
| | Archer | Dynamic headphones (8 ohm) | | |
| | VoCom 2CO25-CHG | VHF Amplifier 2W/25W | | \$35.00 |
| | Astron RS- 4A | Astron 4 amp Power Supply | 0 | \$25.00 |
| | Astron RS-7A | Astron 7 amp Power Supply | 9506386 | \$35.00 |
| | Archer 273-1650 | AC Adapter 3/4.5/6/7.5/9V 300 ma | | \$8.00 |
| | Larsen NM-MM | Larsen mag mount | | \$20.00 |
| | Larsen NM-150 | Larsen VHF 5/8 w antenna | | \$15.00 |
| | DAIWA | Coaxial Switch A/B UHF fittings | | \$18.00 |
| | SPN4139A | DC Adapter 12 Vdc 300 ma | | \$7.00 |
| | GE RT9541 B | DC Adapter 6.0V @200 ma or 7.5V @100 ma | | \$8.00 |
| | ICOM BP-20 | Clamshell battery pack for IC-02 | | offer? |
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| | Generic | Data Switch 1 X 4 | | \$5.00 |
| | Generic | Data Switch 1 X 2 w/ RJ-11 adapters | | \$5.00 |
| | T-Bar | Data Switch 1 X 2 | | \$5.00 |
| | Allied GD-30 | KnightKit Grid Dip Oscillator | | \$15.00 |
| | Ten-Tec TW-24 | Project box - Enclosure (New) | | \$2.00 |
| NNNN | Last Update: | 07-Nov-01 | | |

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2001 SCOUT JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

On October 20th, the “Ole Virginia Hams” Amateur Radio Club and the Urbanna Swim Club co-hosted Manassas area **Boy Scouts**, **Cub Scouts**, and **Webelos** to participate in the 2001 “**Jamboree On The Air**” (JOTA.) Three temporary high frequency amateur radio stations were established at the Urbanna Swim Club and our lads spoke with other Scouts and interesting amateur radio operators in various foreign countries and around the United States.

For more photos and in Color, go to OVH Web Page!!!



Don Blasdell, W4HJL, demonstrates Morse code to Boy Scouts from Troop 1196

More than 400,000 excited Scouts worldwide participate in Scouting’s annual **JOTA**, with some using the opportunity to earn **Radio Merit Badges** for their efforts.

The Scouts were presented with a special issue of the “**Archie**” comic book “**Archie’s Ham Radio Adventure**,” which they perused while making a small mountain of cookies and many cans of soft drinks disappear. All had a grand time.

It proved to be both a fun-filled and educational day for everyone involved, and the Scouts are already looking forward eagerly to JOTA 2002.

Mary Lu Blasdell/KB4EFP, **Don Blasdell/W4HJL**, **Bill Hinely/K4WRG**, and **Jack McDermott/N4YIC**, enjoyed assisting Scouting Committee Chairman **John Fritsch/N4YOB**, in this year’s event.

