

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

January 2020

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

I hope everyone is doing well this New Year. I started off poorly getting sick on January 1st and after two rounds of antibiotics I am finally on the mend. At least I actually worked a couple of days this week and it looks like I will be playing catch up for the next few weeks. Unfortunately, I had to drop out of the CW OPS class due to the illness but I am continuing with the homework to get a jump on the next time classes are offered.

I have been looking at what's coming up in the next few months that I need to be ready for when they happen. They are:

The Breakfast Get together Saturday the January 18th at 8:00 am at the Yorkshire Restaurant. Always a good time and good food. The weather isn't looking very good for Saturday but I will be there unless the restaurant is closed.

Our club meeting is on Tuesday, January 21st. One of the many discussions we will have is on election of Club Officers. If you would like to volunteer for a position in the club, this meeting would be the time to do it.

Our Hamfest planning meeting will be on the 28th of January. 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting at Sam and Joe's Pizza.

If you are looking for a Hamfest to go to, the Frostfest in Richmond is coming up quickly on February 1st. This one seems to me is the first one of the year. It is at the Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond VA 23222. If you might be going talk to Don / WA2SWX about taking some of our hamfest flyers with you.

Our first Field Day planning meeting will be on February 11th at 6:00 pm for dinner and

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FIELD DAY 2019

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7:00 pm for the meeting at Sam and Joe's Pizza.

The Virginia QSO Party March 21st & 22nd is coming up in March, but you might want to start to plan for it now. I know I need to do some work on my antennas so I will be able to hear John / KG4NXT and Theresa / KG4TVM, along with Gil / KM4OZH, as they are driving around the State of Virginia. Last year I was so disappointed when I could hear them but they were unable to hear me. Maybe you will want to try rover also. Whatever you decide start planning now. We will be having a presentation on the Virginia QSO Party at our club meeting in February.

Winterfest will be on the 29th of March and is put on by Vienna Wireless at the NOVA Annandale campus.

Have you seen the new magazine put out by ARRL called "On the Air"? It is designed especially for Hams that are new to the hobby. Well, it is for everyone new or more experienced it doesn't matter. We have been relying on Mark / WA4KFZ with his "What Next" class, now here is a tool for us to use to help new or more experienced hams learn of the many facets of the hobby. They even have a bimonthly podcast that starts January 16th. For more experienced hams, there will be another biweekly podcast that starts on February 13th. Here is what is says in QST:

The biweekly Eclectic Tech podcast for experienced radio amateurs will launch on February 13. Hosted by QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, Eclectic Tech will highlight topics involving amateur and non-amateur technology, offer brief interviews with individuals involved in projects of interest to amateurs, and include practical information of immediate benefit to today's hams. Eclectic Tech will be available via iTunes and Stitcher.

I looked through the "On the Air" magazine online and found it very interesting. Check it out for yourselves. The podcasts sound promising. I will have to set them up on my phone to listen to while driving to my jobs. Heck I was wondering if we should try to get them to interview our local antenna maker, Gil / KM4OZH.

It's also that time of the year again to remind everyone that it is time to renew your OVH membership for 2020. That means paying your dues which are very modest. That can now be done via PayPal on the OVH web site at <http://W4OVH.NET> or by using the paper mail in form later in this Newsletter.

I hope to see all of you at the next regular OVH meeting which will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

73 BYRON AK4XR

Sunshine Corner:

Welcome 2020 and Happy Birthday to those club members that start the New Year with cake & candles: John / KI4OWH, Justin / KJ4LAS, Elizabeth / KG4NXV, Chuck / W4XP, John / WA1STU, Ken / KE2N, Ed / WD4AVU, Ken / KN4HHO and Woody / N4MQ.

Special get well wishes to Dana, Jim's KM4SXM YL, who had a very bad fall and is now recovering from two broken ankles.

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Please keep Al / KB4BHB and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they work through the passing of Al's wife, Johanna (Hanna). See two photos to the right of Al and Hanna, one from 2015 and the other from 2018, both at an OVH Year End party. It is always very difficult to lose a spouse, but particularly so for Al after such a long marriage to Hanna who Al met in Germany while he was stationed there in the Army in the early 1950's. Quite a few OVH members made it to the Lutheran Church services for Hanna.

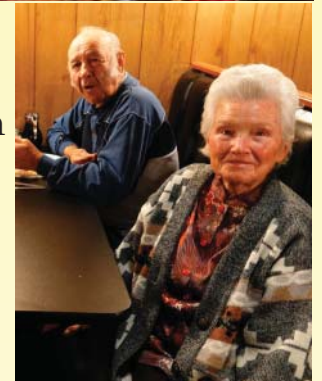


The Richmond Frostfest Hamfest is just around the corner on February 1st, and I hope to see you there!

Our own hamfest planning meetings are under way, please talk with Don / WA2SWX and let him know how you can help the club during this event.

Stay warm and continue to send news or other items to me, email at kg4tvm@hotmail.com or telephone: 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM



Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held in December, 2019:

No formal OVH meeting was held in December, the widely attended OVH Year End Holiday Party held on Sunday Evening, December 8, 2019 at the Yorkshire Restaurant was in lieu of a regular OVH meeting. The next regular OVH meeting will be on January 21, 2020.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

February 1, 2020 (Saturday) - The Frostfest Hamfest, Richmond, Virginia. This is one of the few, nearby mid-winter hamfests, and a major one, not too far away. A bunches of OVH members always go to this so ask around if you need a ride. More info: <http://frostfest.com/wp>

February 7-9, 2020 (Friday - Sunday), Hamcation 2020 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida. More info at <https://www.hamcation.com> This is the biggest Florida hamfest; and the weather is always warm or mild in Central Florida in February.

March 29, 2020 (Sunday) - The Vienna Wireless' long perennial Winterfest has slipped a few days further, and now is in Spring. Nevertheless, it is close by at NOVA in Annandale and is usually well attended by OVH members. See, <https://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest> for more info as well as the Flyer later in this Newsletter.

June 13, 2020 (Saturday) - the OVH Manassas Hamfest - a major annual Hamfest put on by the OVH, this year for the 46th time. Save this date for this! See <http://manassashamfest.org> or look at <http://w4ovh.net/welcome-to-manassas-hamfest> and the Flyer later in this Newsletter for more info.

HAM RADIO RELATED:

January 18, 2020 - 8:00 am - OVH Saturday Morning Breakfast at the Yorkshire Restaurant.

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February 2, 2020, The Loudoun Amateur Radio Group in Leesburg will be putting on a program on Monday evenings beginning on February 3, 2020 with lectures and Q&A for preparation for the Amateur Radio Extra Class license. Check out <https://k4lrg.org/education> for more details.

June 27-28, 2020 - ARRL / OVH Field Day event. Save these dates! This is a major OVH event each year.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

March 21 and 22, 2020 - the Virginia QSO Party. This is a big local (Virginia) event and lots of OVH members participate, particularly on the VHF and UHF bands. There is more info at https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2020_VQP/2020_VQP_Main.html The Virginia QSO party also takes place on the HF bands if you also operate there.

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 at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal> by WA7BNM. 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

Check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://pwcares.org> for the latest PWC 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 Interesting Information / Recollections / Musings

When I noticed that the Loudoun Amateur Radio Group was giving a Amateur Extra Class license prep course, I thought: should I try to enroll. Why? Radio technology has changed a lot since I got my Amateur Extra Class license 57 years ago so some updating might be helpful. Being a life member of the IEEE and still regularly reading some of its publications isn't enough: I just haven't been that active "on the air" for a number of years now.

In July 1963, as a 17 year old, I got on a train in Connecticut to Grand Central Terminal in New York City; during my hour on the train I continued to study from Kaufman's and ARRL's Q&A books for the amateur and commercial written FCC exams. At Grand Central, I took a subway, and then changed to another, and did some walking to the Federal Building at 641 Washington Street, then an elevator up to the 7th floor to the FCC's office. The building was in a seedy and smelly area two blocks from the Hudson River docks where passenger carrying ocean liners and other ships arrived and departed daily; it was very noisy and congested whenever ships had just arrived or were about to depart.

I had no trouble finding the office: I had been there exactly two years before with my friend Bruce, KN1QYJ (now W4NDX), from a neighboring town in Connecticut and a year older than I, when we had both passed our General Class exams. That ended our Novice ham careers as we upgraded our Novice callsigns to General by dropping the second letter N from them. The dusty FCC office still had all of its 1920's furniture and the FCC personnel, all men, mostly wore wire rimmed eyeglasses, white shirts and suspenders for their trousers. Except for no holsters or firearms, all of them looked like they could be movie "extras" from the Untouchables/Elliott Ness b/w TV series.

After waiting until there was a group of five other applicants for the 20 wpm Morse code test, either for the Extra Class or the Commercial Ship Telegraph Operator license, the Morse test was given by a machine that drew in a roll of punched paper tape; each applicant copied code with pencil and paper from audio tones in an earphone headset. If your code copy was good, how well you could send code with a manual key at 20 wpm was not tested. Everyone in my group passed the code test. Next was the Extra Class written exam, partly multiple choice, but also requiring drawing schematics for different types of circuits. Only one other and I passed. I remember one of the failing applicants exclaiming to his friend, do you believe that young kid (pointing at me) passed and we didn't?

Then, an unexpected encounter with bureau racy: on examining my General License, the examiner stated that I wasn't eligible to take the Extra Class exam. What? Please tell me why? His answer: you won't have two year of General Class experience until tomorrow. I said: doesn't that depends on how you count years and days and it is already "tomorrow" in some parts of the world. Why don't you just date the upgrade tomorrow? Good workaround, he said, and he dated it that day and handed it to me; he added as I was leaving, you might want to become a lawyer when you grow up.

VP's Corner

Jeff Fuller
WB6UIE

As we enter the new year, I'm reminded of a quote my faculty adviser kept posted on his wall: "We are surrounded by insurmountable opportunity." Opportunities abound at OVH. Here are some of them for the coming year.

How about a position on the OVH leadership team? We'll put together the slate at this month's meeting with voting to follow in February.

Or, come join your fellow club members in providing event communications for the Mini Triathlons held on the George Mason campus:



<https://www.triitnow.com/>

Enjoy the beauty of rural Virginia while supporting a veteran's charity bike ride.



<https://willingwarriors.org/bikeride/>

Help support the club's annual fund raiser, Manassas Hamfest. Join us for the next Hamfest Planning Committee meeting on January 28th.



This year's Field Day will be take place the weekend of 27-28 June.

Want to learn more about the microwave mesh network known as AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network)? Join us at the January meeting for a presentation by Mark, WA4KFZ. Hope to see you there!



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OVH Ballot

President

VP

Treasurer

Secretary



2020 ARRL Virginia Section Convention

at **WINTERFEST!**TM

The National Capital Area Ham Radio Fair and AUXCOMM Conference

Inaugural AUXCOMM Conference

ARRL Leadership Presentations

ARES/VA; AREDN; SKYWARN; WINLINK

Over 60 Vendors, indoor and outside

Ham Radio, Electronics, Computer Parts,
Pieces, and Paraphernalia

Licensing Exams -- get licensed or upgrade at Winterfest

Large Indoor Exhibit Area

ARRL QSL checking for WAS, DXCC, VUCC

150 Paved tailgate spaces

Improved and expanded loading dock

FREE On-site parking

FEATURING

~ Tailgating ~ Tailgate area opens at 6:00 AM

~ Indoor Exhibit Area ~ 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

~ AUXCOMM Conference ~ 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

~ Door Prizes 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

~ QLF (CW) Contest-- Hourly

~ License Exams ~ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

~ Walk-ins encouraged!

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Outdoor 6AM-1PM, Indoor 8AM-1PM

Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus

Enter off Wakefield Chapel Road - Parking Lot B

8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA

38.8333/-77.2362 or 18 S JU 0580/0056

Admission: \$10.00 per person

Tailgate spaces: \$20 for one space (includes one admission)

+\$10/each additional space

Talk-in 146.91 MHz -- Courtesy of Fairfax ARES and the NVFMA

More Information at <http://www.viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest>

Table Sales -Mike, WA8AHZ

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(703) 870-1730



Vienna Wireless Society

Amateur Radio Club Since 1963

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Vienna, VA 22183

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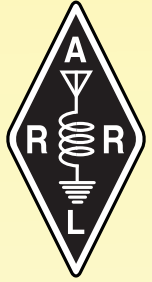
Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO, TECHNOLOGY & MAKER SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Note: same location as last year!

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Location - at the Manassas Park Community Center
with outdoor and indoor flea market areas, indoor
air-conditioned commercial areas and ample parking

Street address: 99 Adams Street - Manassas Park, Virginia -- (same as last year) --

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

6'foot tables: \$30* each
with chairs & electricity
(\$25 if reserved by May 31st)
Setup 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Friday
and 5:00 AM - 6:30 AM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10* per person at gate
(Age 18 and younger: no charge)
(*See web sites for prepayment
discounts before 5/31/2019)
Gates open at 6:30 AM

TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space
(*See web sites for details about online
prepayment discounts before 5/31/2019)
Gates open at 6:30 AM

* Online ticket sales and vendor registration available on website *Saturday*

For our Most Current Vendor Info, Lists and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages:

<http://w4ovh.net/welcome-to-manassas-hamfest/>

Talk-In Repeater on 146.97-600 CTSS 100

PRIZES: (Will be listed on website for 2 wks after event) ACTIVITIES:

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 1 PM

INFORMATION:

- Virginia QSO Party Forum and Awards
- No Pets or Firearms. Also, no overnight camping. Check website for campground info
- Increased number of handicap parking spaces
- Multi-room vendor space this year as well!

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM (\$15.00 Fee per Examinee at the VE Exams)
4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives & DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Various technology and radio demos
- More Forums to be announced, check web sites

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

Dealer Info from Don / WA2SWX:
General Info from Don / WA2SWX:
VE Testing / Exam Information:

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REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2020 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below or drop off at a meeting. Be sure to update all information, including your e-mail address, telephone number(s) and nine digit ZIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" for 2020

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____
Home Tel: _____
Cell Tel: _____
Work Tel: _____
EMAIL: _____
BIRTHDAY: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)
MAY YOUR TELEPHONE NOS. BE LISTED IN THE "Members Only" OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$20.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2020. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$10.00. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or lower level [list school attended and grade or level:
_____] are \$10.00.

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

Name: _____
Name: _____

Call: _____
Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**
P.O. Box 1255
Manassas, VA 20108-1255