

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

March 2021

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 - online, see below

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings everyone, The weather during the last few days has certainly demonstrated that spring is just around the corner and shortly we will no longer need to deal with the cold dark winter. Another reminder of the impending season change and warmer days ahead: we push our clocks forward this weekend.

That means it will also be a good time for a little spring antenna maintenance. I have to do this myself as after 3 years in the tree, I lost a line holding one end. My back problem has prevented me from getting out there and fixing it. I don't know if I'll be able to get it back up in the air for VAQP.

Speaking of VAQP, don't forget that is on the 20th and 21st of this month. We had a wonderful online presentation by Gordon/NQ4K at our last meeting. A few OVH members will be working from home and mobile. If you get a chance to make any contacts, make sure you denote OVH as your club when you submit your log.

We had our annual club officer elections at our online meeting last month. I'd like to thank everyone who participated. Due to our virtual meetings we had to conduct them differently than usual, but our procedures which were used seemed agreeable to all. First, I'd like to thank John/KG4NXT and Don/WA2SWX for returning to their positions as secretary and treasurer respectively; also, a big thank you to Jeff/WB6UIE for his years of service as Vice President; and a big welcome to Ken/KN4DD to the front table as the club's new VP. Ken has been a regular at our virtual meetings and has already brought his intelligence, enthusiasm and expertise to various areas of club activities. Glad to have you aboard as our new VP.

I'd like to thank everyone who donated to the Steve/N4OGR scholarship. I do not want to steal the thunder from anyone, but I am very impressed with how much people



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stepped up. Steve was loved by everyone in the club and the outpouring of support shows. I know the upcoming meeting will have an announcement of the final amount of donations collected and I expect there will be some discussion about it.

I also don't want to jump the gun or steal anyone's thunder, but the Club will likely have a Tailgate party event in lieu of the full Manassas Hamfest which had to be canceled again this year because of COVID-19 uncertainties. We are looking at location(s) and getting paperwork in order. Don/WA2SWX is expected to make an announcements on the reflector and website as soon as things are finalized.

A reminder to the several members who haven't renewed yet, please be sure to remit you 2021 renewal dues online at W4OVH.NET or by using the form at the end of this Newsletter.

Our March meeting will be at our usual virtual meeting spot: <https://ovh.nq4t.com/meeting> on this coming Tuesday, March 16th at 7:30 pm. It should be possible to join in earlier, after about 7:00 pm. During this month's meeting our local rover extraordinaire, Gil/KM4OZH, give a presentation on his January 2021 VHF contest operations.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the online Tuesday evening meeting.

73 Jay NQ4T

Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday wishes in March to Fred / N3KVV, Wayne / N4HCR, Scott / KM4FTD, Gary / K4MRL, Jeff / N1SN, Michael / KO4BCN, Matt and David / KO4HIR.

Welcome back to Chick / KC1PIA who has been in Florida with family for the last two months and is now back in Manassas. I think he is ready for some ham radio again!

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the Steve / N4OGR memorial scholarship. Enough donations have come in that the club will be choosing a winner in 2021 and 2022. Awesome!!!

Thank you to Gordon / NQ4K for his presentation at the February meeting. Gordon filled us in on the Virginia QSO Party that will be held on March 20th and 21st. I noticed during the presentation that there is a youth award so I asked Gordon if the youth needed to have a license. Gordon said he would check it out and get back to me. Well true to his word he did email me and let me know that, yes, the youth did need their very own license. But a day later Gordon let me know that a new category was added GOTA – Get on the air, so you can have youth participate with a control operator! So let's round up some kids to participate!!!

Here is the information from the Virginia QSO Party webpage: "Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) Station plaque • Idea from: – Theresa, KG4TVM, during OVH VQP presentation. – And borrowing from Field Day GOTA station rules • A Virginia station at which a non-licensed person participates in the VQP under the supervision of a licensed control operator. – Participant does all functions: talking on radio, logging, etc. – Limited to a single participant. • In Log: – Put words GOTA station in soapbox. – Name of control operator and participants." Check out https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2021_VQP/2021_VQP_Main.html for the Virginia QSO Rules.

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Remember to check in at 8 PM on the OVH's Thursday night VHF/UHF repeater net - details are on the OVH's web site: W4OVH.NET. Having issues with your radio equipment or need help with anything ham radio? The Thursday Night net is a great forum to ask questions and hear the latest news on current club events. 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 online on February 16, 2021:

The meeting was held online using the Jitsi platform hosted by OVH President, Jay / NQ4T. Since we were meeting virtually, Jay dispensed with the pledge and the members saying their callsigns, and Jay ran the meeting.

The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were approved.

Don / WA2SWX gave the treasurers report and it was approved.

Gordon / NQ4K presented a program on the Virginia QSO party including many slides. Gordon made the statistics come alive by his ability to see behind the numbers. Gordon urged all OVH members to participate in the next Virginia QSO party and to submit logs naming the OVH as the affiliated club. The slides are available at https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2021_VQP/2021_VQP_Pre-Brief.pdf or by googling Virginia QSO Party.

Luther WA3FMO gave the membership report. There were two new members voted in: Michael Frachel / KO4BCN and Robert Punihaole, Jr / KJ4EOR. There were two new read-in applicants who will be voted upon at the next meeting: Richard Massie / KY4DN and Ross Elliot / No Call yet.

Greg / KM4CCG gave the ARES report. There will be a Marine run on March 20 th, both real and virtual. If you want to volunteer, contact David / KG4GIY.

Ken / KE2N give the repeater report. The repeater and computers are working fine including the 220 MHz one which is waiting for covid restrictions to relax before reinstalling it. Ken mentioned that there had been some hacker attacks on the allstar node. Ken had created a webpage to display our repeater connections, including internet connections and connections to the w4brm repeaters. Net controls may sign in and control repeater linking from this web page. Anyone can look at the web page at <https://supermon2.nq4t.com/supermon2/link.php?nodes=48032#> which is being hosted by Jay NQ4T.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. He mentioned that the FCC has not yet decided how to collect the \$35 licensing fee.

Sandy / KM4JUS gave the scholarship report. She has sent the emails to the guidance counselors and already has one applications. The contribution period for the Steve Frick scholarship closed on Feb 15 and Don will check our post office box for additional contributions this weekend.

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Don / WA2SWX gave the Hamfest report. The Manassas Hamfest for 2021 has been cancelled again due to COVID-19 uncertainties. The OVH is exploring an outside tailgate only event and will report when we have decisions. Theresa KG4TVM is exploring venues.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report. The Winter Field Day was a great success and there are pictures on the website and in the February 2021 OVH Newsletter.

Kevin / KX4KU gave the web committee report. The web hosting has been unified into one account. Paul / W4ZB had been hosting the OVH web on his account. Paul has offered to donate web expenses to the club which is very generous.

Byron / AK4XR gave the Field Day report. We have asked Butch W4HJL to reserve the Nokesville park pavilion. We are thinking of having a Field Day limited to members that have been vaccinated.

Don / WA2SWX reported that the donations to the Steve Frick Scholarship are expected to be in the \$2700 to \$2800 area.

New business:

Election of Officers. Jay / NQ4T asked John / KG4NXT to conduct the election and he did. There was an unopposed slate of officers for re-election: Jay / NQ4T for President; Ken / KN4DD for Vice President; Don / WA2SWX for Treasurer and John / KG4NXT for Secretary.

John then asked if there were any additional nominations or declarations for office. There were none. John then moved that we approve the above slate of officers by acclamation or a unanimous vote. This motion was then seconded and approved. There were no opposing votes. The above slate of officers is declared elected.

The meeting was adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFEST TYPE EVENTS:

The COVID pandemic, regrettably, has killed off almost all live hamfests for the time being. Nothing is scheduled nearby.

April 24, 2021 - Saturday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, ET, the ARRL Virginia Section Convention for 2021 being put on by a ZOOM conference, being sponsored by the Vienna Wireless Association. See, <https://viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest> for more info and detail.

The Dayton-Hamvention which would have taken place in May, 2021 has been cancelled again for 2021 due to Covid uncertainties.

The OVH Manassas Hamfest for June, 2021 has been cancelled after several months of Hamfest Committ preparation work due to the continued pandemic uncertainties. There will be a Manassas Hamfest in June 2021, date and more details to be announced.

Expect an announcement soon about a date and time for a Manassas Tailgate event to be put on by the OVH in lieu of the Manassas Hamfest in 2021.

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HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

March 20 and March 21, 2021 - The Virginia QSO Party event, a major event. Information about it was presented at February 2021 OVH meeting, but is also available online at:

https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2021_VQP/2021_VQP_Main.html

Try to participate, and if you submit a log, please shown the OVH as your club!

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://contestcalendar.com> by WA7BNM. This is a new URL for this web site. If you get the radio contesting bug or just want to find out and how much is going on - a lot is going on, that is a very good place to look!

PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

Check the online Calendar on W4OVH.NET for information about upcoming OVH related 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 or Useful Information

1. All of the ARRL's magazines are now online at <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-magazines> regularly for ARRL members without additional charge: QST, On The Air, QEX and NCJ. Paper subscriptions are still available if you prefer paper!

2. Want to know what hams are nearby, or near a given location or in a zip code and have that information that displayed on a map? Check out: <https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map>

3. Want to upgrade to take a ham radio license exam and can't find a close by exam site as soon as you would like? Check out: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions> to find out where exams can be taken and when. Also check out: http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/search for other possibilities.

4. A article in EOS, a publication of the American Geophysical Union, titled: Ham Radio Forms a Planet Sized Space Weather Sensor Network - presents an unusually positive picture of amateur radio. Go to: <https://eos.org/features/ham-radio-forms-a-planet-sized-space-weather-sensor-network> to see the article. Ham radio is presented as holding out the possibilities for providing real scientific work relating to the earth sciences and geophysics.

5. Have you ever had RF noise problems with a UPS power supply? Who - who has used a UPS power supply near a shack - hasn't experienced RF noise emissions. Several approaches to solving those RF noise problems are presented in <https://www.nccc.cc/jug/2021/02jug2021.pdf> beginning at page 5.

6. The Hamvention in Ohio may not be taking place again (due to COVID-19), but the ContestUniversity event which historically has occurred near by and just before the Hamvention has gone online. Check out <https://contestuniversity.com> The live sessions were always excellent. For many years, ContestUniversity has put its presentation slides online but now it also has many videos online. The subject of these materials is not strictly limited to contesting topics. Included is invaluable information about how to design and construct top performing HF stations. Most recent is a set of materials from the 2021 Propagation Summit.

REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2021 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 2021

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, 2021. 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:

Name: _____

Name: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

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