

The OVH ARC Newsletter
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS™ AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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OVH FM Repeaters - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+ & 443.500+
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Web Site at <http://w4ovh.net>

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

June 2021

Next Meeting: June 15, 2021 - online, see below

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings All,

Looks like spring was around just long enough to say hello then quickly got out of town. If this is a small preview of summer, it looks like it will be a another hot and soupy one.

I'd like to congratulate our scholarship winners, Hannah Palmer and Deyan Saleem. Sandy / KM4JUS, Ray / KM4EKR, Jan / KE4TMW, and I presented Hannah with her award on June 2nd. There is an article on the OVH web site has photos and later in this newsletter. We will do a virtual presentation Deyan Saleem at our June meeting. Thanks to everyone who donated to make this possible. Congrats again to our winners and we wish you the best in your future education.



Well, if you've been going stir crazy, that should be about to end. The OVH Tailgate event is upon us! We are expecting quite a turn out and the weather may bring us a last blast of mire spring like weather for it. Saturday, June 12th, the field across from Signal Hill Park. Full details are in the flyer on the web site (also in the newsletter). Big thanks to everyone who is already on the list to help out.

If that wasn't enough, Field Day is also just around the corner too! We are having it at the usual spot in Nokesville Park, June 26th and 27th. Due to pandemic era planning we don't have quite the list of events planned; but you can be sure it will be a good time and one of the first chances we'll be able to get together in a more relaxed setting. It will also be the first time since 2016 I will be at Field Day; so, sorry, no pictures from the west coast field day site this year.

We have Tri-It-Now events beginning soon, but I am still awaiting information from our organizer, Andy / KJ4MTP. Keep an eye on the reflector. The Serve **Cont'd on Page 3**

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Our Willing Warriors bike ride is a bit further out on September 11th, so mark your calendars.

I am proud to announce the return of breakfast! As some of you may remember, for about a year before the pandemic hit a group of us met once a month on the Saturday morning before our meetings at Yorkshire Restaurant. They were quite popular and was always good conversation along with a good breakfast. Well after a 15 month break we're starting them back up! Since this month is a bit too busy, we're starting them back up in July. According to our calendar, July 17th will be the first after a long hiatus. I will put reminders out on the reflector as we get closer to the date.

Our June meeting will be online at <https://ovh.nq4t.com/meeting> this Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:30 - We will have the aforementioned scholarship presentation as well as probably some preliminary reports on tailgate results and probably some last minute information on Field Day.

I will open the meeting room by 7pm as usual to give people time to get in, settled, and the usual banter before we get started. Just a reminder; I keep our meeting platform locked down when not in use so if you try to join extra early, it won't let you in.

Hope to see everyone at the Tailgate event and at the online meeting.

73, Jay/NQ4T

Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday wishes this June to Jan / KE4TMW, Jim / KM4SXM, Bob / W4PHX, Derrick / KV4SH, Wayne / AG4ZZ, Gene / N4HFW and Bob / K4HJF.

Happy Father's Day to all our club members who are fathers, hope you get to enjoy the day!



Last month I posted congratulations to Wayne / N7QLK on his daughter's college graduation. Oops, it turns out both of Wayne's daughters had graduations in the same weekend. So double congrats to the Phillips family!

Thank you again to everyone that contributed to the Steve / N4OGR Memorial Scholarship. The committee led by Sandy / KM4JUS was able to award two scholarships this year! OUTSTANDING!

The OVH Tail Gate Event will be on Saturday, June 12th. To all the members who have volunteered to help, thank you very much! We will have a club table and we are once again asking for donations of baked goods. Please drop donations off at the club table early Saturday morning. Looking forward to seeing everyone and hope we get lots of great photos!

John KG4NXT and I did travel to the Howard County Hamfest in Maryland on May 30th. It was a rainy and chilly weekend but they still had a decent turnout with lots of items for sale.

Please remember the Thursday night net at 8:00 pm on the OVH's VHF FM repeater, 146.97 Mhz, and on several of the other

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OVH repeaters too. See W4OVH.NET web site for details. Having issues with your radio equipment or need help with anything ham radio? This is a great forum to ask questions and hear the latest news on current club events.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held online on May 18, 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 call signs, and Jay ran the meeting.

Tony / KM4KLB presented his OVH Tailgate diagrams as the program. These slides included initial site with slope marked as well as a participants flow slide and a slide indicating the order of filling the parking and tailgate areas.

The minutes of the April OVH meeting were approved.

Don / WA2SWX gave the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Luther / WA3FMO gave the Membership report. We voted in Eric / KO4MBI and Mike / KO4BMN. There were no new read-ins this month.

ARES – No report.

Ken / KE2N gave the repeater report. As reported previously on the web and in the Newsletter, the 220 repeater and DStar are back in service. There were a number of improvements to the lightning protection at NOVEC. Also, the WIRES-X computer locks up on windows updates. Ken has a laptop which has virtualization and will not have the same problem. Ken has been running it in test mode for several months. Ken expects to replace the WIRES-X computer with the virtualized laptop soon.

Training report – No report.

Sandy / KM4JUS gave the scholarship report. The committee has received 9 application and selected 2 awardees – one who goes to Hylton High School and one who goes to Osborne Park High School and lives in Woodbridge. The details of the award presentation are being worked out. There is about \$2,500 left over for next year.

Don / WA2SWX gave a brief tailgate report. He thanked Tony / KM4KLB for doing a great job with the site planning.

Byron / AK4XR gave a Field Day report. Things are going well. Ron / K3FR is running the VHF/UHF station. Bill / AF4LL has offered to fund food at Field Day and we will take him up on that. Thanks Bill.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report. She mentioned OVH members with birthdays this month. She also discussed the bake sale for the upcoming Tailgate event and mentions ways to get the baked goods to the event.

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There was no old business.

New business. Wayne / N4HCR mentioned that he will be assisting Ed Gibbs as the assistant PIO for the Virginia Section. Ron / K3FR mentioned that K1HTV will be K2B (VIRGINIA) for the 13 colonies event in July.

The meeting was adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFEST AND VE SESSION TYPE EVENTS:

The COVID pandemic, regrettably, has killed off many of the live hamfests type events for the time being. No live Hamfests are currently scheduled nearby until early August, but the OVH Manassas Tail Gate Event will be held on June 12th. See below.

June 12, 2021 (Saturday) 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - the OVH Manassas Tail Gate Event will be held in the field across Signal View Drive from the Signal Hill Park which is at 9300 Signal View Dr., Manassas Park, Virginia. Further info available at the W4OVH.NET web site and on the Flyer later in this Newsletter.

August 1, 2021 (Sunday) - Gates open at 6:00 am. Berryville Hamfest. This is always a summertime favorite for OVH members to attend. It is nearby and promises to be the usual full fledged Hamfest. More info about it in the Flyer (below) and at <https://svarc.us/hamfest>

The OVH Manassas Hamfest for early June, 2021 was cancelled earlier this year after several months of active Hamfest Committee preparation due to the continued pandemic uncertainties. However, there will be a Manassas Hamfest again in June 2022, date and more details to be announced.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

June 26 - June 27, 2021 - ARRL / OVH Field Day event to be held at the Nokesville Park in Prince William County near Nokesville, Virginia. This is the OVH's traditional location for the its Field Day activities in recent years. Save these dates and check back for more details. Field Day is always a major OVH event for its members.

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 relatively 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.

The Steve Frick Scholarship Awards for 2021 to awardees: Hannah Palmer and Deyan Saleem

For 2021, OVH renamed its Scholarship in memory of OVH Club Member, Steve Frick / N4OGR, who passed away in January, 2021.

Many of Steve's friends contributed to the scholarship fund, which raised \$4400. This provided the opportunity to award two \$1000 scholarships in a single year. The remaining donated funds will be used as part of the scholarship for 2022.

On Wednesday, June 2, 2021, Jay Moore / NQ4T, OVH Club President, Sandy Knight / KM4JUS, OVH Scholarship Chairperson, and Jan Frick / KE4TMW, Steve's widow, presented one of the scholarships to Hannah Palmer at her home in the Dale City area, image to the right.

Hannah has just graduated from CD Hylton High School and will be attending University of Virginia, majoring in Chemical Engineering.



Hannah ranked #3 in her class of 537 and loves math & science. She hopes to use her skills in manufacturing materials to help save the planet, as well as work in pharmaceuticals to create medicines to help cure various illnesses.

During the virtual OVH meeting on June 15, 2021, the second scholarship will be presented to Deyan Saleem.

Deyan has just graduated from Osburn Park High School and will also be attending University of Virginia, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

He ranked #10 in his class of 572 and is fascinated with science. He has the passion to pursue research on ultrasound imaging devices, diagnosing & treating cancers.

OVH and its members congratulate Hannah and Deyan and wish each well in their continuing education endeavors.

LAYOUT / PLANNING DIAGRAMS FOR THE UPCOMING MANASSAS TAILGATE EVENT

Tony / KM4KLB presented his comprehensive set of OVH Tailgate Event diagrams during the May 15, 2021 online OVH regular meeting. The diagrams have been posted on line in the Members-Only section of the OVH web site (w4ovh.net). You have to log in at W4OVH.NET to get access to them under "Presentations." OVH Members who will be assisting during the Tailgate event on June 12th should be sure to review these diagrams to become familiar with them.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS AT MT. PONE - KEN / KE2N

The new PC for Wires-X at the OVH's Mt. Pone repeater site is installed and working. The computer, being a laptop, is inherently battery backed-up. A small UPS was added for the Router since the Comcast cable modem/router only accepts 120 VAC power. With these improvements, the two should ride through outages of 90 minutes, or a bit more. Both (146.97 and 442.2) repeaters will continue to operate in stand-alone mode for 24+ hours during an outage; the computing equipment does not take any power from the station battery. The Wires-X interface is via the FTM-100 shown in the lower right corner of the picture and an HRI-200 (barely visible behind the old PC, lower left).

The nerdy details: the laptop computer runs Mint Linux and can be accessed remotely with NoMachine. VMWare Player 15 runs on the Linux machine and hosts Windows 10 Pro as a client OS. This is essential because Wires-X runs only on Windows. This arrangement allows the controllers to access the PC remotely even if or when Windows crashes, or needs an update.

This config. was tested at KE2N's QTH for several months prior to installation at Mt Pone.



**The Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club
Is happy to announce they are hosting a
Ham Radio Tail Gate Party**



**Saturday, June 12, 2021
8 am to 2 pm Rain or shine**

Across from Signal Hill Park in Manassas Park, VA

38° 45.2710'N, 77° 26.2800'W

**Signal Hill Park address is 9300 Signal View Dr. Manassas Park – the field is located on
Signal View Drive across the street from the park entrance**

**The field is on the east side of Signal View Drive just past the National Monument for the First
Battle of Manassas**

**Admission \$5 per person over 18
\$20 per vehicle to set up and sell
All attendees will park in the field**

More information www.w4ovh.net



The Shenandoah Valley
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

70th Annual Berryville Hamfest

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds
890 W. Main St., Berryville, VA

- GATE OPENS AT 6:00 AM • VENDOR BUILDINGS OPEN BY 8:00 AM
- ➔ **DONATION \$10.00, children under 16, free**
- ADDITIONAL \$10.00 FOR A TAIL-GATE SPACE (First come, first served)
- INDOOR VENDOR TABLES BY RESERVATION (see below)
- SPECIAL HOTEL PRICE: HAMPTON INN (1204 Berryville Ave, Winchester [540-678-4000](tel:540-678-4000))
- \$15.00 FOR A CAMPER SPACE~~ **RURITAN RULES: NO Pets, Pornography, or Weapons**

Country Ham &
Eggs Breakfast at
7:00 AM

Ruritan's famous
chicken & beef
barbecue from
11:00 AM

Grand Prizes:
HF Rig; VHF Rig;
Power Supply;
and hourly drawings



VE Exams will be
given by the **Laurel
Amateur Radio Club
VE Team of the LARC
VEC** at the Clarke
County High School.
Walk-ins are welcome.
Testing begins at 12:00
noon. A photo ID,
FRN, and email address
are required.
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