

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+
OVH D-STAR Repeaters - W4OVH - 146.865- & 442.5125+ (temporarily - limited functionality)
Web Site at <http://w4ovh.net>

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

September 2021

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021 - Live & In Person!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings Everyone!

It's finally September, which means one thing; much more comfortable weather is on the way. We had a teaser of it last week after the storms rolled through, but then it was right back to the heat wave, just in time for me to do some car repairs. Of course it also means winter is around the corner; hopefully we'll actually have an autumn rather than jump into winter.

The leaves will be off the trees soon, so its my usual reminder that it's a good time to inspect any tree-supported antennas or get a new one up. I broke my own advice and put one up just after Field Day and the leaves did make it a challenge.

I'd like to give a thanks to everyone that went out for the SOWW bike ride on the 11th. I was all ready to get out there, but suffered some major vehicle issues that I absolutely needed to attend to (transmission problems). But I hear the event went well, so thanks to everyone. I would like to give an extra special thank you to Ken/KE2N for his work in getting a temporary link between our repeater and Bluemont for this and to Andy/KJ4MTP for organizing it.

Also thanks to everyone who went out for the Tri-It-Now on September 12th.

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) is coming up on Oct. 16. Rob/W4FSK has organized an event at Camp Snyder and the club is looking for volunteers to come out and help. Contact Theresa/KG4TVM for more information or to sign up. If you can't make it in person, you can always help out from home in providing contacts. I'll see about getting frequency information on the reflector.

Jeff/WB6UIE has also started a little pre-net comm tests on a couple

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HAMFEST 2021 - Chairman

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FIELD DAY 2021

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JOTA - 2020

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NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

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of bands to test simplex capabilities in case the repeater suddenly goes down. The bands tested have been 10m SSB, 6m SSB and FM, and 2m. Its a good opportunity to see what these other bands might do for local comms, and a good chance to make use of these usually under utilized bands.

This Saturday the 18th has some fun things going on. The first is our monthly club breakfast at Yorkshire Restaurant at 8AM. Come in the main entrance and head to the back room. The food is good and the company is so-so (hihi).

After that, Woodbridge Wireless is hosting a fox hunt in the Woodbridge area and has graciously invited OVH to participate. We meet for this at 10 AM at the old graveyard at Potomac Mills. This is on the east side of the mall in front of Costco and next to Costco's gas pumps. I sent a picture out on the reflector of the spot. And yes, there is plenty of time to come to breakfast and make it to the foxhunt.

Of course, lets get to the big news; this month's meeting will be LIVE & IN-PERSON! That's right, after a year and a half of virtual, online meetings due to COVID, we will finally be meeting live & in-person this Tuesday, September 21st, at 7:30 PM, at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20111. As per the Fire Departments rules, masks will be required in the building. Our own repeater guru Ken / KE2N is supposed to do a presentation about milliwatt power meters. As someone who enjoys playing around in the sub-watt world, I'm excited.

Between the breakfast, the fox hunt, and our live & in-person meeting; I hope to see everyone of you at one, or all, of them.

73, Jay/NQ4T

Sunshine Corner

Happy birthday in September to OVH members: Gus / N4MLE, Al / KB4BHB, Maury / W4HYB, Ron / N4RDZ and Mark / WA4KFZ. Hope all of you are able to enjoy your end of summer birthdays!

Last month, John KG4NXT and I had a pleasant time at the Berryville Hamfest as did see several other OVH club members. Even with the little rain showers it looked like a good turnout.

Happy retirement wishes to Wayne AG4ZZ and Jeff K9VEG, enjoy!

Congratulations to Al KB4BH, his grandson Joseph just upgraded his ham license to General. His call sign is KO4REQ, I know Al is very proud!!!

There is also a new ham in the Meyerhoff family, more information to follow!

Congratulations to Jay / NQ4T on achieving the Worked All States award!

The Boy Scout's "Jamboree on the Air" event is coming up on October 16th; we will very likely be setting up at Camp Snyder in Haymarket again. More information will be available on the OVH web site and email reflector as details are finalized.

Not to rush the rest of this year but the Manassas Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 4th. This was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID but in prior years, the OVH has entered the club trailer as a unit in the parade and provided radio support along the parade route. If the club wants to put the trailer

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in the parade again this year, an application form needs to be completed and sent to the parade committee. The application process opens this week and goes for about 45 days. If the club would like to do this, please let me know I will be happy to submit the paperwork.

There are still several events between now and the end of the year that could use radio assistance, please see this newsletter, the club web site at <http://w4ovh.net>, the club email reflector and also the club's Facebook page Ole Virginia Hams – W4OVH for upcoming events. These are all great ways to use your radio and help with community service.

Please remember the Thursday night net at 8 pm on the OVH's VJF FM repeater, 146.97 Mhz, and on several of the other 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 August 17, 2021:

The meeting was held online on August 17th, 2021 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.

The program was a presentation by Tim Duffy / K3LR of DX Engineering. He showed us products developed by DX Engineering which included Noise measurement, Ethernet isolation and vertical antennas.

The minutes of the July 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report – no report.

Luther WA3FMO gave the Membership report. There was one new member voted in: Mike Stewart / KO4HBU.

ARES report. No report.

Ken KE2N gave the repeater report. All repeaters are working. Ken reported that he was working with the Serve Our Willing Warriors to link the 146.970 repeater to the 147.300 repeater for the September 11 event. Since the 147.300 machine has no Internet capability, he is working on an RF link. Ken also mentioned that there was work to be done on the Mt. Pone shack door to prevent bee entry. Byron / AK4XR volunteered to look at that problem with Ken.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. John / KG4NXT has scheduled an October 2nd VE session to be held at Nokesville Regional Park again.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report. She mentioned that JOTA event will be at Camp Snyder on October 16 with more details to follow. She also asked whether the

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OVH club wanted to participate in the Manassas Christmas parade as a float. After some discussion, she agreed to do the paper work. Byron agreed to be the back up Christmas trailer puller.

Ken / KN4DD gave the web committee report. The web site is working fine.

New business: Wayne / N4HCR asked for volunteers to brief an unnamed white house official. Jay / NQ4T reported that there would be a fox hunt on September 18th hosted by Woodbridge Wireless – more details to follow. Andrea / Ki4SXM reported on a PWC opportunity to be recognized as volunteers and be mentioned in the Congressional Record.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFEST AND VE SESSION TYPE EVENTS:

The COVID pandemic, although now winding down or ending (??), regrettably, has STILL killed off many of the live Hamfest type events. No live full feature Hamfests are currently scheduled nearby in the near future.

October 2, 2021, Saturday, 8:00 AM to Noon. A VE testing session for all ham licenses will be held at the Nokesville Park, 12560 Aden Road in Nokesville, Virginia.

October 16, 2021, Saturday, 8:00 AM - Tailgate Event near relatively close by Fredericksburg, Virginia for those itching to attend another Tailgate event. See the Flyer later in this Newslettter for more details.

June, 2022. The OVH Manassas Hamfest will be held again in June, 2022, the exact date and more details to be announced.

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 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

October 16, 2021, Saturday, beginning early morning - the Boy Scout JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) event to be held at (Boy Scout) Camp Snyder near Haymarket, Virginia. OVH expects again to be setting up a table. Look to the OVH email reflector or attend the Thursday Night OVH net for more up to date details.

Check the online Calendar on W4OVH.NET for information about upcoming OVH related events. Also, check the online Calendar maintained by David / KG4GIY at <http://pwcared.org> for the latest PWC ARES updates. Complete direct contact information for David also appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

**2021
NX4Q Jim Steele
Memorial
Amateur Radio Tailgate Party**

Sponsored By: Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue and Emergency Management: Amateur Radio Operators and Rappahannock Valley Amateur Radio Club

Where: Marquee Theater's Parking Lot
195 Exit 126 Massaponax
5800 Southpoint Center Boulevard
Talk In on K4TS 147.015 Repeater, (+) PL 79.7

When: 0800 AM – 1200 Noon
Saturday, 16 October 2021 (Rain or Shine)

Cost: Free – Coffee and Donuts will be available

---Bring Ham Items to Sell

**---Bring and Demonstrate ARES Emergency Go Kit and other
Emergency Amateur Radio Equipment (include emergency power)**