

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

## October 2021

Next Meeting: October 19, 2021 - Live & In Person!

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings everyone,

Well October is here and with the relief from the summer heat comes the added work of dealing with all the leaves falling in the yard. For those of us like me, who live in the middle of the woods, it's a never ending struggle. Halloween is also coming up, but I personally never got too excited about it. Of course the cold snap has been felt in my back. At least it's not as bad as it was last year.

The HF bands have been heating up lately. I've been hearing some good DX on 15 and 12 meters and I'm hearing more and more on 10. Of course if you're a fan of bigger wavelengths the quieter winter months might bring some excitement. With the leaves disappearing it's another chance to get out there and get antennas inspected and installed. Mine is still good, so I've been playing with a DMR HT that cost me a whopping \$16 on Amazon.

Things have been relatively quiet this month, but our VE team did hold a VE session on October 2nd to great success. 10 individuals got new licenses with one passing both tech and general in a single sitting. Thanks to John/KG4NXT for leading things and to all the OVH's VEs who went out to help. Hopefully we'll see some new faces in the club. Our VP Ken/KN4DD has a wonderful article on the web page covering the happenings

We also received an award for our participation in the Serve Our Willing Warriors. Ken/KN4DD did another wonderful write up on the event as well as posting a picture of the certificate. I want to thank everyone who went out to help and a big thanks to Ken/KE2N for his work in getting our repeater linked to Bluemont to assist in coverage.

Woodbridge Wireless held a fox hunt last month; so I went down as I love these. I teamed up with Mark/WA4KFZ and we rode around testing out his



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## WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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## HAMFEST 2021 - Chairman

Don	WA2SWX	597-3211
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## FIELD DAY 2021

Byron	AK4XR	222-2095
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## JOTA - 2020

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## NEWSLETTER

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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## NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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## PROGRAMS

Jeff	WB6UIE	791-5916
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## QUARTERMASTER

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David	KG4GIY	361-3042
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Wayne	N7QLK	571-237-0520
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## SCHOLARSHIP

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## SUNSHINE

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attenuator and trying to find the fox. We had some very peculiar results that have left both of us scratching our heads. It seemed the closer we were the further off our bearings were. We may be planning a sort of “reverse fox hunt” activity in the future to not only try to figure out what could have gone wrong but give people who have never done direction finding or have build an antenna a chance to verify against a known location. I’ll post details when we make them.

A huge thanks to Don/WA2SWX for taking on the work as Hamfest Chairman this year again. This is a very time consuming event and Don is quite the busy man. So if you’ve got some time I’m sure the Hamfest Committee would love to have all the hands they can get; and I’m sure Don would appreciate it. The OVH has reserved the Manassas Park Community Center for June 4, 2022 for this event.

JOTA will be this Saturday, October 16th; the OVH will be out at Camp Snyder once again for Scouting / Ham Radio event. Thanks to those who are going out, but we will also need folks on radios from home QTHs to answer radio calls. Contact Theresa/KG4TVM if you think you’re able to head out or help out.

We had our first in-person meeting in 18 months on September 19th and things went well. Ken/KE2N had to reschedule his presentation; but Jeff/WB6UIE spoke a little about the backup simplex testing they’ve been doing before the Thursday night local OVH Net. It was good seeing everyone in person and being able to conduct everything without wondering if you’re going to talk over someone.

Our meeting this month is once again in person at Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20111 on October 19th at 7:30 PM. Like last month, masks will be required. Thanks to everyone who came last month. It was good to find out 18 months of virtual meetings translated into a real one. Ken/KE2N (should) be doing his presentation this month. If for some reason he can’t make it, then we’ll soldier on and have a short meeting.

Don’t forget about the club breakfast Saturday. October 16th, 8:00 AM at the Yorkshire Restaurant. Come out and grab some food before you head over to JOTA.

Hope to see you at breakfast or our meeting.

73, Jay/NQ4T

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## Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday wishes in October to Doc / W1IMX, Robert / KK4MXU, Ray / KM4EKR, Phil / AC4PL, Chris / KN4IJF and Richard (no call).

Congratulations to the OVH’s (Voluntary Examiner) VE Team led by John / KG4NXT and his band of Examiners, at the beginning of October, they had a very nice turnout for testing and picked up some new and upgraded hams - ten passed exams. !

The annual Jamboree on the Air is coming up on Saturday, October 16th at Camp Snyder near Haymarket. We will start operating at 9 am. If you are on the radio from mobile or home QTH and hear a CQ, please help us out with the Boy Scouts by answering!

Please send lots of thoughts and prayers to Bill / KM4KWX, he is battling some serious medical issues right now.

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The Manassas Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 4th. This was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID but prior to that the OVH did enter the club trailer as a unit in the parade and provided radio support along the parade route. The application was submitted to once again have our club trailer in the parade. We do need someone to volunteer to pull the trailer with their vehicle thru the parade route, if you can help out with this, please let me know. George K4GVT will be reaching out for club members to provide radio support during this event.

MANASSAS HAMFEST 2022 is on! The first planning meeting was held last week and it had just been confirmed that the next Manassas Hamfest will be Saturday, June 4th at the Manassas Park Community Center. More information will follow; as in the past, we will need lots of OVH club members to help the day of the event. Please contact Don / WA2SWX, Hamfest Chairman at wa2swxdm@gmail.com with questions and/or to volunteer. The photo (to the right) was taken at Sam & Joe's Restaurant during the first planning meeting which was attended by Don/WA2SWX, Ken/KN4DD, Sandy/KM4JUS, Ray/KM4EKR, Gil/KM4OZH, John/KG4NXT and Theresa/KG4TVM



We will be having the club Holiday Party in December at Yorkshire Restaurant, but I do not have a date yet, waiting to hear back from the restaurant. We will collect new and unwrapped toys for Toys For Tots as usual.

Please remember the Thursday night net at 8 pm on the OVH's VHF 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 September 21, 2021:

OVH President Jay / NQ4T called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on September 21, 2021 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns.

Jeff / WB6UIE gave a brief presentation on simplex tests make with the aim of having back net capabilities. Jeff also mentioned that he has club polo shirts for sale.

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The minutes of the August 2021 OVH meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report submitted in writing by Don / WA2SWX was approved.

Luther / WA3FMO submitted a written membership report. There were no read-ins and no vote-ins.

There was no ARES report. However, Sandy / KM4JUS stated that the Serve Our Willing Warriors Ride had raised over \$135,000.

Ken / KE2N submitted a written Repeater Report. All the repeaters are working. There was a power output problem on the OVH 220 machine but it went away and Ken is watching it. All DStar registrations have been approved and there is no backlog. The 146.970 repeater was linked to the 147.300 for the SOWW ride.

Mark / WA4KFZ submitted a written training report. John / KG4NXT has scheduled an OVH VE session for October 2nd. Mark has submitted 15 questions to the Question Pool for Amateur Exams.

Don / WA2SWX plans to schedule a Hamfest Meeting in the near future.

Ken / KN4DD gave the Web Committee report. There seem to be a lot of attacks on our web site but none have succeeded and our defenses are working. Ken has banned the country of Bangladesh from our web site because of many attacks appear to be originating from there.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the JOTA report. Rob / W4FSK is heading the effort. The event will be October 16th at Camp Snyder. Further detail will be put out on the email reflector.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine Report. She mentioned the birthdays. The Manassas Christmas Parade will be December 4th and she has submitted our application for the OVH Trailer to be in the Parade again. Ray / KM4EKR or Byron / AK4XR will pull our trailer as a float. She asked if there was interest in the Christmas Party and there was a show of hands in support.

The 50/50 raffle had a gross of \$28. Al / KB4BHB won the raffle and donated his share back to the club.

Jeff / WB6UIE moved that he be reimbursed for the unsold club Polo T-shirts for a maximum of \$300. This motion was approved.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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## **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.

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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 Newsletter for more details.

June 4, 2022. Saturday. The OVH Manassas Hamfest will be held again! The first Planning Meeting for it has just been held. The date is locked in for the Hamfest again at the Manassas Park Community Center venue.

## 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.

October 17, 2021, Sunday, TRI IT NOW event at the Manassas Freedom Center - be there by 08:15 to participate in providing communications support for this event. More, info, contact Andy / KJ4MTP, cell: 703-786-4651.

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://pwcares.org> for the latest PWC ARES updates. Complete direct contact information for David also appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

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**OVH VEC EXAM RESULTS.** The OVH Volunteer Examiners held an exam session in Nokesville Community Park on October 2nd at the same place where the OVH holds its Field Day. We had 10 applicants and as a result of the exams, 11 new licenses.

We had 7 new Techs and 3 new Generals. One fellow passed both Tech and General in a single sitting. One fellow did not pass his upgrade test.

The OVH Volunteer Examiners were who attended were: Al/KB4BHB; "The Other Ken"/ KN4DD; George/K4GVT; Ray/KM4EKR and John/KG4NXT. Theresa/KG4TVM was a great help with checking people in and organizing the returns. John planned to upload the results electronically, but it turns out that the link is "non public" and the ARRL VEC office was not answering the telephone on Saturday. Therefore, John had the results in the mail by 1 PM on the day of the exam. Perhaps we will be able to do electronic filing next time.



**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)**