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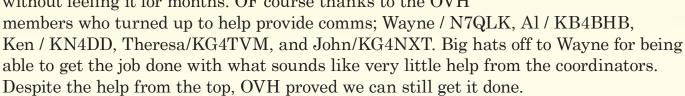
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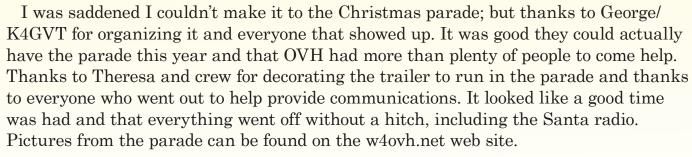
## PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Seasons Greetings

It's hard to believe it's not just December but Christmas. We've thankfully been blessed with mild weather thus far; but who knows what the rest of winter will bring us. I'm sure most of us are wondering what kind of radio goodies we'll be getting from Santa this year. Either way, there's always plenty of hams who did get some goodies playing with them on-air, Christmas is always one of my favorite days to get on and work.

Congrats to Ken/KE2N on placing second in his category at the 2021 Turkey Trot. I remember being able to run without feeling it for months. OF course thanks to the OVH





It was fantastic to see everyone at the Holiday party. From everything that happened last year with public health as well as my spinal disc flaring up; it was good to get together with everyone. Thanks to Theresa/KG4TVM for organizing Cont'd on Page 3



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this wonderful event. I'd also like to congratulate those who received some awards at the party; Ken/KN4DD for his excellence in web journalism, Ray/KM4EKR and Sandy/KM4JUS for their service to the club, Don/WA2SWX for taking on Hamfest chairman again, and Paul/W4ZB received this year's lifetime achievement award for his many, many years of service to the club in many ways. Congratulations to all of you. Thanks to everyone who came out to the party and to everyone who donated for Toys 4 Tots.

I'd like to congratulate Ray/KM4EKR and Sandy/KM4JUS on their upcoming move. I'd like to thank both of them for everything they've done for the club. In addition to all the things too numerous to mention; Sandy has been the chair of the scholarship committee and Ray previously served as club president. You both will be missed, but the club is also excited for a new chapter in your lives. Enjoy the new QTH.

Thanks again to Jeff/K9VEG for his presentation on POTA; his slides are available on the Members Only pages on the OVH web site if you missed them. Our January presentation will be on the upcoming VA QSO party. Gordon/N4QK will be unable to do this as he has in recent years, but John Huggins/K4XO will be popping out.

Since we had our Holiday party on December 12th and had an abbreviated meeting during that event, we will NOT be having any meeting on December 21st. I hope all of you have a happy and safe Holiday. As announced on the closed email reflector, the monthly Saturday breakfast is taking a holiday break along with the club meeting. Hope to see everyone at the next regular OVH meeting to be held on January 18, 2022 at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station.

This is also the time of year when it's time to start thinking about club dues. 2022 will be here in just a couple of weeks. See the mail in Flyer for renewing your club membership later in this Newsletter. Also, OVH's web site, W4OVH.net, allows you to renew online. You'll need to be paid up in order to vote in February elections. Speaking of which, start thinking about nominees for leadership positions.

Overall 2021 has been a lot better to the club than 2020 was. From our successful tailgate, to being able to do events once again, and the return of in-person meetings. Things ramped up slowly, but it was good to see that everyone was just itching to go once we could. We've got some old favorites and possible new events planed for 2022. Keep your batteries charged.

73, Jay/NQ4T

### Sunshine Corner

Happy December Birthday wishes to OVH members: Marwood / KL7AW, Rob / W4FSK, Tony / KM4KLB, Ed / KK4PHP, Jay / NQ4T, Dianne / KI4FVV, Bill / N4SV, Alan / KY4DN, Bryon / AK4XR, David / KK4ZUU, George / N4XSL, each have a great end of year celebration!

Silent Key: Gene Kiessling / KD4RHC passed away in November 13, 2021 at age 84. Condolences to his wife Susan and his family. He will be missed.



On Saturday, December 4, 2021, the City of Manassas held its annual Christmas Parade. As we have done in the past, the club has supported this event by providing Continued on page 4

radio communications along the parade route and at the Judges' stand. We also had our club trailer entered into the parade as a unit. Special thank you to Gene / KN4JMB for using his truck to drive the trailer thru the parade. Gene also helped get the decorations on the trailer and his truck! Thank you to everyone that came out and helped, we had a beautiful weather morning and that was reflected in the huge crowds watching the parade.

On Sunday, December 12, 2021 we had another great OVH annual event, the club year end Holiday party. This was held again at the Yorkshire Restaurant, many thanks to restaurant owner, Ellis, for giving us the place for this event. We also collected a good amount of new toys for the Toys For Tots campaign. The Marine Corp sent us Sergeant Summer Brown and Corporal Taylor MacDonald to attend our party and collect the toys; they were a wonderful addition to our event.

Even though we had a very scaled down 2021 for events, we still had members giving their all to make things happen. So at the party the following members were recognized:

Andy / KJ4MTP – for continuing to work with the Tri It Now Mini Tri, he coordinates with the organizer and our club to make sure there are hams along the bike & run courses. Andy has also worked with Serve Our Willing Warriors and coordinated hams for their huge bike ride. Andy was not able to attend our party so we will be presenting his award at our January meeting.

Ken / KN4DD – is our club VP and has worked tirelessly to keep our web site up-to-date and safe from hackers. Ken has also written several articles on the different events the club has worked during this past year.

Don / WA2SWX – our Hamfest/Tailgate chairman, due to Covid we had to move away from our normal Hamfest and go with a Tailgate event, Don pulled this together by working with the Manassas Park Community Center. Because of his work we were able to have a great event and put some funds in our treasury at the end the day.

Tony / KM4KLB – Tailgate committee member, due to having a location for tailgate in an open field, we needed a plan. Tony was our guy, he went to the site, took measurements and worked up a layout for the field so we would be able to get cars off the road as quickly as possible and then park the cars in a way that would allow this event to flow smoothly. His plan accomplished all of this. Tony was not feeling well the day of our party, so John KG4NXT and I took the award to his home the day after the party; see, photo to the right.



Ray / KM4EKR and Sandy / KM4JUS have been active club members for several years, due to retirement they are relocating in January to South Carolina. Both have helped at various club events since becoming members as well as Ray being club President, and Sandy club Secretary and Scholarship Chair. We wish them much happiness on their next adventure!

Paul / W4ZB received the Life Time Achievement Award for his many years of service to the club, which included managing our web site, being on the committee when we decided

to move to a new site and currently producing the OVH Newsletter each month since 2006.

Thank you very much for the wonderful food and toys, our event was a success due to everyone's attendance and participation. Happy Holidays from our home to yours, stay safe and get on the air! Remember to call in on the Thursday night OVH FM net, details about how to do that are on the OVH web site: W4OVH.NET.

73 Theresa KG4TVM kg4tvm@hotmail.com

# Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held live on November 16, 2021:

OVH President, Jay / NQ4T, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on November 16, 2021 at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns.

Jeff / K9VEG gave a presentation on Parks on the Air (POTA). He explained activating and hunting parks as well as logging and awards. He explained how to activate a park. Jeff's slides from his presentation will be posted on the Members Only portion of the OVH club web site, W4OVH.NET

The minutes of the October OVH meeting were approved.

Don / WA2SWX gave the Treasurer's report which was duly approved.

Luther / WA3FMO was sick and Jay gave the membership report. There were two vote-on as new member, and both were voted in: Joseph Achtzener / KO4TUX and Rick Buongiovanni / N9SP.

ARES report. No report this month.

Ken / KE2N gave the Repeater Report. All the repeaters are working

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. Mark has worked on the questionnaires handed out at the last VE session and feels he needs a new approach. Theresa KG4TVM will provide him a list of members without callsigns.

Don / WA2SWX gave the Hamfest report. There was a Hamfest Committee meeting on November 9th. Don asked for volunteers for the Kitchen and Andrea / KI4SXM and Wayne / N4HCR volunteered. The OVH web site has been updated for the 2022 hamfest and the flyer is available there and in the OVH Newsletter.

Ken / KN4DD gave the Web Committee report. There was a concentrated SQL injection attack recently at 5:30 am. The web site software handled the attack fine. Ken explained what a SQL injection attack is.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine Report. The Manassas Christmas Parade will be on December 4th and OVH's entry has been confirmed. There will be a trailer decorating party most likely on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Gene / KN4JMB will pull the trailer. The OVH Holiday party will be on Sunday, December 12th, at the Yorkshire Restaurant. Please bring new unwrapped Toys for Tots either to the November OVH meeting or to the Holiday party as you attend.

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The 50/50 raffle has a gross of \$28. Mark won and donated his winnings back to the club.

Old Business: None

New Business: George / K4GVT spoke about communications support for the upcoming Manassas Christmas Parade on December 4th. He has 10 volunteers but could use some more. He will get out an email with details.

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, depending upon who you believe, regrettably, has STILL killed off many of the live Hamfest type events. No live full feature Hamfests are currently scheduled nearby until the end of March.

March 27, 2022, the Vienna Wireless Hamfest, better known as Winterfest at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. See, the Flyer later in this Newsletter for full details, including times. This hamfest is close by and a favorite one to attend for many OVH members. OVH also usually is an exhibitor at this Hamfest.

June 4, 2022. Saturday at the Manassas Park Community Center venue, OVH Manassas Hamfest will be held again! Two Planning Meetings have already been held; the date is locked in for the Hamfest. Don / WA2SWX is chairman again (wa2swxdm@gmail.com).

#### HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

0000Z-2359Z, January 1, 2022 - ARRL Straight Key night. This is not a contest, but celebrates ham radio's CW heritage. Go to the ARRL's web site, arrl.org for more info.

Winter is the best time for long distance 160 meter band propagation. CQ Magazine has sponsored the very popular 160 meter contests in January (on CW) and in February (on SSB) for many years. Lots of opportunities for contacts. In early 2022, the 160 meter CW event will be on January 28th-30th UTC, and the SSB event will be on February 25th-27th UTC. You can find the full details at http://cq160.com

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. 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.

#### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MICHAEL / KO4HBU

OK, so Michael / KO4HBU, is not a boy. He is in fact, a Prince William County Public Schools science teacher. He is also a new ham and a new Ole Virginia Hams member. He was licensed at OVH's VE Session @ the Nokesville Park on 8/15/20.

All of us with children and grandchildren know that raising them and teaching them is difficult. But when you add-in teaching them during the age of COVID, and all of those inherent problems, this becomes much more formidable.

We are talking about Michael, not just because he teaches physics, chemistry, biology, and earth sciences at Unity Reed High. We are also talking about what may very well be his greatest accomplishment in 2021. Michael was able to win a \$5,000 grant from the Toshiba Corporation for his school. Specifically, for equipment for his physics lab.



When we first met Michael at his first meeting after being voted in, he told us that he was teaching STEM subjects to his students. He further added he hoped that by becoming a ham operator, he could incorporate that into his physics lessons, too. This dovetails nicely into the Ole Virginia Hams Scholarships Program, which also seeks to promote STEM subjects among students. So, Michael and the OVH have overlapping goals. To read more about Michael and his accomplishment, please read the Prince William County Public Schools article at the URL link below.

https://www.pwcs.edu/news/2021-22\_news/technology\_grant\_adds\_momentum\_to\_physics What a great way to make an entrance to our club, Michael.

And a big thanks to Jeff / WB6UIE, who first spotted this article and brought it to our attention. KB / KN4DD

### OVH AT THE TURKEY TROT EVENT - NOVEMBER 25, 2021

November 25, 2021 morning, Thanksgiving day, was another beautiful day for a race, a 5K race to be specific. While a cloudy day, it was an above average 60° with low humidity. Perfect. The OVH was there to provide communications support, one OVH member ran in and completed the 5K race.

First, congratulations to our Ken / KE2N (below) who not only participated in the race, he placed 2nd in his category. As he told me later, ".... a post retirement personal best."





Second, what a difference race management can make. Our own Wayne / N7QLK took the lead here, but he was frequently thwarted. Wayne organized his team of spotters — Wayne / N7QLK; Al / KB4BHB; Ken / KN4DD; Theresa / KG4TVM and John / KG4NXT only then to have the race's management appear to drop off the face of the earth. Despite repeated attempts of contact them before the race began, Wayne couldn't get through or was ignored. On the day of the race, Wayne was provided a map of the race for the first time - just 5 minutes after he had deployed his team. This resulted in Theresa being deployed at first, outside of the race course. But, Semper Gumby — Always Flexible. The OVH team adapted and overcame. Theresa was redeployed. However, it is important to stress that Wayne and his team inherited a situation with apparently disorganized management. What a difference compared to the many other races that OVH has supported at that same location.

The race itself went off without incident, I'm happy to report. It started at 8:34 AM and was over by 9:25 AM. The participants made it was a very colorful event. Many times, it looked more like a Halloween 5K with the many costumes.

We had a number of people in turkey costumes – a full furry brown pajama suit, complete with colorful wings, tail and a head mask. We also had a couple of "brides" and a number of people in what looked like strawberry hats. I don't know why. Even some

of the children were in costume. "Princesses" in full body suits complete with adorable tutus were popular, and there were a few "cowboys" also. Pictures by Theresa, KG4TVM.



Lastly, John / KG4NXT, made friends with a civilian photographer, Sydney, who sent her photographs. I've received 56 photos from her collated 14 of those into a gallery of her own which can be viewed at the W4OVH.net web site. -- Very 73, KB / KN4DD

## Greater Manassas Christmas Parade - December 4, 2021



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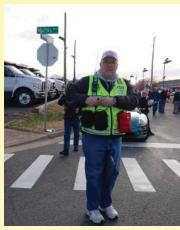
Geroge / K4GVT primarily organized and coordinated OVH's participation in this event with the City of Manassas. From George afterwards to all OVH members: I just want to say thank you to all the OVH volunteers that helped make the Manassas Christmas Parade a success again this year. I was asked to express the appreciation of the Parade Committee for your help in communications and crowd control. They also advised me that the Santa mic worked flawlessly this year thanks to OVH's testing and instructions on proper use. [A few more pictures follow.]



















## The OVH Year End Holiday / Christmas Party - December 12, 2021

On Sunday, December 12, 2021, we had our annual OVH Holiday party organized by Theresa / KG4TVM at the Yorkshire Restaurant. We had an excellent Club turnout with over 35 attendees. No tables were empty in our section of the restaurant.

We had a renewed emphasis on the potluck part of the dinner with many wonderful dishes. Al / KB4BHB and Wayne / N7QLK worried that they would not be able to provide venison for the dinner. However, they suddenly were lucky and harvested two deer and then there was plenty of venison for the chili. Gil / KM4OZH made lemon cake which was so popular that Gil did not get a taste. Gil has previously made lemon cake for the Fauquier Club's party and did not get to taste his own cake there either. Many other dishes were brought and were quite tasty.

Theresa gave awards to Andy / KJ4MTP; Ken / KN4DD; Don / WA2SWX; Ray / KM4EKR and Sandy / KM4JUS and Paul, W4ZB. Theresa had an award for Tony / KM4KLB but he was not feeling well that morning and did not want to spread it at the dinner. Theresa and John / KG4NXT later delivered the award to his house. Andy was also not able to make the party and his award will be presented at the January meeting. The details and reasons for the awards are listed in the Sunshine corner earlier in this Newsletter.

As always, we collected new unwrapped Toys for Tots. We had two Marines come to the dinner to collect them. As always, the Marines were well fed. We loaded their car with over 40 toys and one member gave them a check for \$100.

Bill, AF4LL donated \$100 to the club for restaurant and food costs. Thanks Bill. A full set of pictures is at https://www.targetengraving.com/OVH/OVH%20Christmas%20Party%202021 Special thanks to George / K4GVT for the pictures. A few of those pictures follow below.













A great time was had by all who attended. Hope to see everyone at OVH events during the coming year (2022) and at next year's Holiday Party in December 2022. - John / KG4NXT.

## **2022 ARRL Virginia Section Convention**



The National Capital Area Ham Radio Fair

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Over 60 Vendors, indoor and outside
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150 Paved tailgate spaces
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### **FEATURING**

## Sunday, March 27, 2022 Outdoor 6AM-1PM, Indoor 8AM-2 PM

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 146.685 MHz (110.9 Hz) -- Courtesy of Fairfax ARES and VWS More Information at http://www.viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest

Table Sales -Mike, WA8AHZ tablesales2022@viennawireless.net (703) 870-1730



NVCC does not sponsor or endorse this event; Attendees shall follow all written policies of the College, as published at https://www.nvcc.edu/policies/Default.aspx?cat=General%20Policies

## REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!!! Below is the 2022 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

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