

The OVH ARC Newsletter
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS™ AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

January 2022

Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 - Live & In Person!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings Everyone,

Happy New Year. I hope your new year has gotten off to a good start, minus this sudden cold and blast of winter weather. Mine has not been so great; what seemed like a winter rush at work has stretched on. I do thankfully have an antenna in the air, it's survived the last two blasts of snow. Hopefully we can get through this cold stretch and into some warmer spring weather. With holiday break over, it's time to head into 2022.

I guess I should address the gorilla waiting in the corner, club elections. As you all know club elections are going to be held next month at the OVH's regular February, 2022 meeting; you will need to be sure your dues are paid to run for office or vote. I'm sure all of you are wondering, am I going to be running again? Well, to probably some or much disappointment, I have not put my name on the ballot again this year. I've enjoyed presiding over this club as President for the last two years, even if it has been an unusual term. We have had to come up with a lot of new procedures for handling our virtual meetings, and I thank all of you going through some of the growing pains. Perhaps my inexperience helped; I didn't have any preconceived notions of how things "were always done" and was willing to say "this is how we have to do them right now."

I am happy to announce that our current VP, Ken/KN4DD, has stepped up to take over my position. Ken has been doing a fantastic job as VP, and in other areas too, even before he became VP; so I have the utmost confidence in him taking over the helm, if elected. Tony/KM4KLB has accepted the nomination for VP. As we all know, his work on the tailgate layout and procedures was absolutely fantastic; the tailgate was an absolute success and his plan for getting people in and out went smoothly. Thank you both for



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OFFICERS

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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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Open

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Luther	WA3FMO	361-4885
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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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George	K4GVT	791-5956
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David	KG4GIY	361-3042
Cat	KM4PBD	571-213-2179

W4OVH — TRUSTEE

Wayne	N7QLK	571-237-0520
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accepting your nominations. Of course, other OVH members can request to be put on the ballot for elected offices. The club is certain to continue in excellent hands after the election.

Congratulations to Gil/KM4OZH for winning the June VHF contest for the Roanoke division. His results were published in the December issue of QST and in the November 2021 OVH Newsletter, but I don't think I mentioned it last month. Of course if you've seen Gil's fantastic rover setup, it's no wonder! He has become quite the contender and his hard work has paid off. Congrats again Gil and thanks for putting OVH a little more on the map.

It's been an overall quiet month for the club, not to be unexpected with the holidays and the winter freeze. I was saddened to hear that a friend of the club, Joe from Sam & Joe's Pizza passed. They graciously hosted our after-hamfest dinners and while I didn't know him as much as some club members; the food was good and he seemed like a great guy. But hopefully this lull will only mean an explosion of activity for 2022. Our hamfest is ramping up it's planning and finalizing ideas; and I'm sure it's only a matter of time before the Tri-It-Nows and other events start coming our way again. Here's to 2022 being more active and fruitful for the club.

As I mentioned earlier, dues are....due. You will need to be paid in order to vote in elections next month. You can bring your payment to a meeting, mail it in, or pay online. Renewal form and instructions are attached in the newsletter and the PayPal link can be found in the members section on the OVH web site at W4OVH.NET.

Don't forget about our other two regular events; the weekly net and monthly breakfast. We took a pause for the breakfast due to the holidays; but we'll be resuming them this Saturday the 15th at 8AM at Yorkshire Restaurant. If you're awake and hungry, come on by for some good food and good conversation. The weekly net happens every Thursday at 8:00 pm on our FM repeaters as well as our Internet link. Instructions for connecting via the Internet are on the members section of the website for those who can't reach the one of the linked repeaters via direct radio.

Our next meeting is still going to be in person, this coming Tuesday January 18th at 7:30 pm at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station.

As I stated last month, John/KX4O will be doing a presentation on the Virginia QSO Party during that January OVH meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing what new the Virginia QSO Party offers this year and hope to see you there.

Be sure to bring your COVID masks. See all of you there.

73, Jay/NQ4T

Sunshine Corner

Starting the New Year with birthdays in January are OVH members: John/KI4OWH, Justin/KJ4LAS, Elizabeth/KG4NXV, Joseph/KM4UYA, John/WA1STU, Ken/KE2N, Ken /KN4DD, Woody/N4MQ, John/KG4HZC, Fred/WD4ASP and Cat/KM4PBD. Hope you all were or will be able to have a special celebration!

Winter Field Day will be on January 29th and 30th this year; John KG4NXT and I will be at Cabin #5 at Shenandoah River State Park just south of Front Royal, Virginia for that event. If you can come out and visit with us, including doing some operating, please

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let us know ahead of the event. We will have our youngest grandson with us and he is not vaccinated due to age so we want to keep him safe. Also, we don't want him spreading something to anyone that might not be vaccinated. Any questions or if you need more info on this event please reach out to John at kg4nxt@arrl.net or me at kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Condolences to Wayne / N7QLK and family on the passing of his sister. Please keep the family in your thoughts.

Manassas Hamfest planning sessions continue in progress for the that major event later this year on June 4, 2022. Please contact Hamfest Chairman, Don / WA2SWX, if you can help out with the planning or with the event itself. All club member are invited to participate. Don's email: wa2swxdm@gmail.com

Reminder – If you upgrade your license or move please remember to let the OVH club Secretary, John/KG4NXT, email: kg4nxt@arrl.net, know so that OVH can keep its records up-to-date. Information about the OVH members are on the Members Only part of the OVH's web site, W4OVH.NET.

Stay safe we have more snow coming early next week and later! To the right and above is a photo of the tree in our front yard right after the heavy, wet snowfall on January 3rd! 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 December 12, 2021:

An abbreviated, informal OVH meeting was held at the Yorkshire Restaurant during and as part of the annual OVH Year End Holiday Party.

Theresa / KG4TVM ran the meeting and announced and presented several Club awards to various OVH members. Those were reported in the December 2021 OVH Newsletter.

The meeting was 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.

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

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

Winter Field Day 2022 will be on January 29 and 30. More information is available at <http://winterfieldday.com> Earlier in this Newsletter, two OVH members have invited club members to visit them (let them know ahead of time) at the Shenandoah River State Park just south of Front Royal during this event,

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MARK / KO4MBN

In January 2021, Mark Baker was not a yet ham but he studied, applied himself and got his Tech ticket in February 2021, obtaining the call sign KO4MBN.

He joined the OVH in April 2021 and passed his General exam at an OVH VE session in October 2021. By December 2021, Mark had worked all 50 states and over 100 countries. Zero To Sixty in ham radio in a very, very short time. Wow!

Mark's first exposure to radio was the father of one of his friends who was a ham operator. Mark was active in CB for years before getting his ham ticket.

Mark lives in Bristow, Virginia and is a Captain and Paramedic with the DC Fire Department. Amateur Radio is not his only hobby by any means. He is an amateur astronomer and does astrophotography and also landscape and nature photography. He also is a pistol and rifle target shooter. He has three sets of dusty golf clubs as well as some bowling ball in the closet. His ham shack is very impressive (see pix on following page:



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Mark has his own WIRES-X node and is active on the America Link room #21080 or US-AMERICA-LINK on fusion. He also is active on repeaters and on FT8. His radios include IC-9700, IC-7300, FTM-100 with WIRES-X, FT3DR (HT) and FTM-400XDR/DE for mobile. His antennas include a 10M - 17M Solarcon IMAX 2000, 10M - 80M zepp and a 6M loop.

In the short time he has been a ham, Mark has collected many awards with most of them from QRZ. These include 50 states, all continents, South America, North America, 100 countries and radio friendship. Some of these awards are shown below.



Pictures from January 3, 2022 snowstorm at QTH of Jeff / WB6UIE:



Wet snow and iced up backyard woods and one completely iced up Discone Antenna!

November 2021 station rebuild in progress at QTH of OVH member, Fred / N3KVV:



2022 ARRL Virginia Section Convention

at **WINTERFEST!**™

The National Capital Area Ham Radio Fair

ARRL Leadership Presentations
ARES/VA; AREDN; SKYWARN; WINLINK
Exciting Presentations about Ham Radio
Over 60 Vendors, indoor and outside
Ham Radio, Electronics, Computer Parts,
Pieces, and Paraphernalia
Licensing Exams -- get licensed or upgrade at Winterfest
Large Indoor Exhibit Area
ARRL QSL checking for WAS, DXCC, VUCC
150 Paved tailgate spaces
Improved and expanded loading dock
FREE On-site parking

FEATURING

- ~ ARRL VA Section Convention 9:00AM-2PM
- ~ Tailgate area opens at 6:00 AM
- ~ Indoor Exhibit Area ~ 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
- ~ Door Prizes 9:00 AM-1 :00 PM
- ~ QLF (CW) Contest-- Hourly
- ~ License Exams ~ 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- ~Walk-ins encouraged!

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

 Vienna Wireless Society
Amateur Radio Club Since 1963 PO Box 418
Vienna, VA 22183

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" for 2022

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 **\$20.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2022. 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: _____

Call: _____
Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**
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