

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH membership now!

March 2022

Next Meeting: March 15, 2022 - Live & In Person!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

As your new President, first let me say thank you to all OVH members for demonstrating your confidence in me. It is a privilege to be able to serve the Ole Virginia Hams in this upcoming year.

Also new to our team is Tony / KM4KLB as Vice President. I know you will support him as you supported me when I held the VP position. Continuing on in their prior roles are Don/WA2SWX, Treasurer and John/KG4NXT as Secretary. They will continue to lend their expertise and guidance to the new team.



Next, I would like to thank Jay / NQ4T for his service in these last two difficult years. I would like to remind everyone that initially back in 2020 Jay did not seek the Presidency. Instead, Jay stepped forward at a time when the club needed him to. It was not to be the last time. Jay turned out to be exactly the right man at the right time, and the OVH got lucky again. Jay's Presidency spanned the first two years of the COVID pandemic. His tenure covered the loss of in person meetings, our inability to hold our Hamfests and realize its income, VE sessions and many of our other outdoor Ham activities. Jay was also instrumental in getting our online meetings organized & running. He reviewed several remote meeting software packages, tested them and chose the package that we used, Jitsi. When our server proved to be underpowered, it was Jay who wisely picked up a used Xeon processor server at a great discount to the club. This took our online meetings from "bearable" to quite effective. A big thank you to Jay. You have left big shoes to fill.

We are now in a new month, in a new year. After a rather schizophrenic February temperature-wise, Spring is finally upon us. I hope your antennas have survived the winter. I am rather fond of the old saying, "if your antennas survive the winter, they

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Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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Manassas, Virginia 20108

OFFICERS

President:	Ken Brant	KN4DD	622-2638
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Secretary:	John Heartney	KG4NXT	257-3566
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WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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HAMFEST 2022 - Chairman

Don	WA2SWX	597-3211
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FIELD DAY 2022

Byron	AK4XR	222-2095
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CLUB ROSTER / DATABASE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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EDUCATION

Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Open - volunteer needed!

ARES - EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Lane	KG4GIY	703-628-3868
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email: KG4GIY@ARRL.NET

Prince William County ARES website <http://pwcares.org>

FINANCE

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Byron	AK4XR	222-2095
Al	KB4BHB	368-4794

HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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WEB COMMITTEE — W4OVH.NET + Twitter & Facebook

Kevin	KX4KU	540-445-5183
John	KG4NXT	257-3566
Ken	KN4DD	622-2638

Web Committee "help request" email: webmaster@w4ovh.net

EMAIL REFLECTOR — w4ovh@googlegroups.com

David Lane	KG4GIY	628-3868
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JOTA -

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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Bob	K4HJF	282-2451
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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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QUARTERMASTER

Open - volunteer needed!

REPEATER CONTROLLERS

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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David	KG4GIY	361-3042
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W4OVH — TRUSTEE

Wayne	N7QLK	571-237-0520
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W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP 2022

Ken	KN4DD	622-2638
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SUNSHINE

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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were not big enough.”. Spring brings rebirth and renewal. And so, our activity calendar begins again.

First of all, your annual dues are due again. Many of you are all caught up, but a significant number of you have yet to catch up. As you are all aware from your home life, every cost is going up. The two major ways our club makes money is our Hamfest and our dues. Our club expenses for repeater maintenance are particularly noteworthy at this time. If you have not yet paid, please get caught up before the end of March membership suspension dates occur. OVH dues are very modest!

A big thank you to Kevin / KX4KU for the OVH’s web site’s new look at w4ovh.net Prior to this recent activity, mostly done by Kevin, the last major web site overhaul was in 2016. He identified that significant portions of our web software were either abandoned or no longer supported, meaning no further development. He and his team then tested several new themes which provide the look and feel of a website. Kevin then selected and rolled out our new website. Among the changes a “lighter” mood setting, new fonts and a highlighting feature that give our photographs an elevated look.

I am also excited about the Scholarship Committee. I am pleased to announce we have decided to keep the name of our scholarship endowment as the STEVE FRICK SCHOLARSHIP fund. At the March meeting I intend to ask for another fundraiser to replenish this endowment.

Another big thank (again) you to Theresa / KG4TVM. She is a huge help and resource for me as I transition into the Scholarship Committee taking over from Sandy / KM4JUS. All of our schools have been notified of our scholarship and we will evaluate the candidates / applicants after the April 15th cutoff date.

The Serve our Willing Warrior (SOWW) Warrior Bike Ride planning meetings have already started for the next Ride on September 10th, 2022. This year, I have been invited to help with the planning as well as the execution. I am astounded at the number of moving parts the people at this organization have to deal with to put on that bike ride.

George Mason Mini-Tri’s will begin again, soon. If you are mic shy or new to The Ham Radio Hobby, this is a great way to wade in. The only equipment needed is an HT, so even a Technician licensee can participate. You will be guided by the other volunteers and by your second volunteering event, you’ll be an old hand.

Additionally, the Hamfest Planning Committee has already met twice. Don / WA2SWX continues as Hamfest Chairman. We are well underway in this department. We have room for more volunteers for both the planning sessions and the Hamfest itself. The Hamfest setup will take place Friday night June 3th. The actual Hamfest will take place, Saturday, June 4th. To Volunteer for the Hamfest, please go to our website, login; then go to Membership; then go to Members Page; then to Hamfest Volunteer Signup and Click “Here”. The last Hamfest we actually were able to hold was on June 15th, 2019.

A Field Day Planning Meeting has just occurred on March 8th at Sam and Joe’s Pizza of Manassas, and I’m sure there will be a report at the upcoming regular OVH meeting. Byron / AK4XR will continue as Field Day Chairman

JOTA-JOTI is an annual event that takes place the 3rd weekend of October (October

14th thru 16th 2022). Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA-JOTI) promotes a Scout's sense of belonging.

Our next regular OVH monthly meeting will be on March 15th at the Buckhall VFD Hall. Masks are still required. During that meeting, Jeff /K9VEG will make a presentation about the "Go Box" he homebrewed. If you have time before the meeting, at a look at: <https://youtu.be/3esKe4KYwg0> for a preview.

The 2022 Virginia QSO Party will be held during the weekend of March 19th& 20th. Saturday, March 19th, 1400 UTC - Sunday, March 20th, 0400 UTC and Sunday, March 20th, 1200 UTC - 2400 UTC.

Lastly for March is the longstanding Winterfest Hamfest, this year on March 27th at the NOVA, Annandale Campus. Winterfest is sponsored by the Vienna Wireless Society, and this year is also hosting The ARRL Virginia Section Convention.

As always, these events and more are featured and easily found on the OVH's newly improved website - <https://w4ovh.net/>

Again, thank to everyone for the confidence you have place in me and the new leadership team. I am looking forward to the coming year. Questions, comments and/or war stories can be directed to my email: KN4DD@arrl.net

73, Ken / KN4DD

Sunshine Corner

Happy birthday wishes to our club members celebrating this month – Michael / KO4BCN, David / KO4HIR, Wayne / N4HCR, Scott / KM4FTD, Gary / K4MRL, Fred / N3KVV and Jeff / N1SN.

Our new club president, Ken / KN4DD, will be holding his first club meeting this month! Thanks to Ken for taking over the reins from Jay / NQ4T. Very grateful for Jay's last two years as President and taking us thru the pandemic!

Our Officers for 2022 are President Ken / KN4DD, Vice President Tony / KM4KLB, Treasurer Don / WA2SWX and Secretary John / KG4NXT. Thanks to all for your leadership!

Paul / W4ZB recently received an unexpected plaque from the ARRL for 60 continuous years of membership in the American Radio Relay League. That's what can happen if you become interested in this hobby as a young teenager!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th!

Reminder - the Virginia QSO Party is on March 19th and 20th. The key is to include the OVH as your club on the log sheet. Anyone that attended our January club meeting was able to see all the different categories and charts that are put together for this event, all great information.

Hamfest planning sessions are in progress, please contact Chairman Don / WA2SWX if you can help with this event. Email: wa2swxdm@gmail.com Thank you to those that have already volunteered to help, we can still use several more club members on the day of the event, Saturday, June 4th.



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Field Day 2022 planning meetings have started. contact Byron / AK4XR for more information, email: ak4xr@dillonelectric.com

Reminder – If you upgrade your license or change your address, please remember to let the club secretary know so we can keep our records up-to-date – John / kg4nxt@arrl.net

Every Thursday at 8 p.m., we have the Thursday night net. Please join us, hear good information on club news as well as upcoming events.

73 Theresa KG4TVM kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held live on February 18, 2022:

OVH President Jay / NQ4T called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on February 18, 2022 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station, Manassas.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs.

Elections. Jay / NQ4T had the ballots distributed and asked members to mark them during the presentations.

The minutes of the January OVH meeting were approved.

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

Kevin / KX4KU gave a presentation on the coming new wordpress theme for the website. He had slides showing the new look. He will move the new theme to our production website on Feb 19th.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave a presentation on the new FCC requirement for calculating maximum permissible rf exposure. Mark gave a short version. There is a longer version with notes on our website under Learning center then click Student Resources. In addition to the slides, there is a calculation work sheet there.

Jay / NQ4T asked Theresa / KG4TVM for the election results. She reported that our new officers are Ken / KN4DD – President, Tony / KM4KLB - Vice-President, Don / WA2SWX - Treasurer, John / KG4NXT – Secretary.

Luther / WA3FMO gave themembership report. There was one vote-in and he was voted in as a new member: Johnny Keaton / KJ7DAK

ARES report. No report.

Ken / KE2N gavethe Repeater Report and listed four problems he is working on: 1) The 97 repeater has a noise problem. The 146.97 transmit is on a temporary antenna. We may need a tower climb. 2) The 220 machine is back from bridgecom and will be put back in service soon. 3) The microwave link that carries our Internet between Mt. Pone and Novec is down. 4) the 440 Dstar is not hearing except by HT very close to repeater.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report.He had an inquiry from a potential ham in Haymarket who needs to find a VE session.

Don / WA2SWX gave the Hamfest report. There was a mailchimp mailing of hamfest flyers to over 1300 people. There is a Manassas Hamfest banner add going on QRZ. There has been a mailing to potential vendors. There will be a Hamfest committee meeting on February 22nd, details on the email reflector.

Theresa / KG4TVM also give the Sunshine Report. We had snow for the second year in a row for Winter Field Day. The Virginia QSO party will be in March one week after our next OVH meeting. Theresa encourages everyone to participate and to submit a log.

The 50/50 raffle has a gross of \$12. Don won and submitted the results to the club.

Old Business: None. New Business: None.

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, killed off many live Hamfest type events almost everywhere for the past two years. A major and well attended Hamfest was held in Orlando, Florida last month, and a number of Hamfests much closer to home will be starting up again soon.

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. Tickets can be ordered on line in advance (\$10+) or purchased at the door (\$15). This close by hamfest is a favorite for many OVH members and OVH usually is an exhibitor at this Hamfest.

May 19 (Thursday), 2022, 7:00am to 5:00pm. The Contest University live training session about ham radio contesting and station and antenna system improvements and optimization will take place at the Hope Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. Go to contestuniversity.com for details. This is a highly recommended full day program presented by highly qualified and well known instructors; takes place one day before the first day of the nearby Dayton Hamvention. An excellent way to improve your knowledge and skills. Advance registration is required.

May 20 (Friday) - May 22 (Sunday), 2022. Dayton Hamvention at the Greene County Fairgrounds, near Dayton, Ohio. After uncertainties again due to COVID, this Hamfest, the largest in the Western Hemisphere, is now set to take place again. Details and info at <https://hamvention.org> Many OVH members regularly attended this Hamfest pre-COVID, and rides to Ohio for it could be arranged. If you decide to make the trek, consider attending the Contest University training session on May 19th (see above).

June 4, 2022, Saturday, 6:30 am to 12:30 pm, Manassas Hamfest at the Manassas Park Community Center! OVH Planning Meetings for this major event are being held and the Hamfest date, time and location are locked in. Don / WA2SWX is Chairman again (wa2swxdm@gmail.com), and a Flyer for this Hamfest appears later in this Newsletter; information about the 2022 Manassas Hamfest is also online at the OVH web site, W4OVH.NET/welcome-to-manassas-hamfest As we go to press, the ARRL has just (2/9/2022) announced a new World-Wide Digital Modes Contest for the June 4th (18:00Z) to June 5th (23:59Z) weekend which could keep some avid contesters from attending.

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HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

March 19 - 20, 2022. The Virginia QSO Party. Full details about this are available online at https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2022_VQP/2022_VQP_Main.html This is a very popular, big time, "local" event, very easy for OVH members to participate in, whether on VHF/UHF or HF, Plan to join in on the fun!

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.

Attendees at a recent Manassas Hamfest Committee Meeting



WINTERFEST!™

The National Capital Area Ham Radio Fair

Featuring the

2022 ARRL Virginia Section Convention Sunday, March 27, 2022

Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus
8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

WINTERFEST is located at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center at the back of the campus
Enter from Wakefield Chapel Road | Free parking in Lot B

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE

6:00AM to 2:00PM	Tailgate Trader Spaces
8:00AM to 2:00PM	Indoor Exhibit Area
9:00AM to 3:00PM	ARRL VA Section Convention
9:00AM to 2:00PM	Door Prizes
11:00AM to 12:30PM	License Examinations

TICKET INFORMATION (per person)

\$10 Advance Tickets
(Available through March 26)

[Ticketstripe.com/events/1027807](https://www.ticketstripe.com/events/1027807)



\$15 at the door



TALK IN FREQUENCY

146.685 MHz (110.9 Hz)

Courtesy of Fairfax ARES and VWS

EXHIBIT and PROGRAM INFORMATION

Over 40 Vendors, Indoors and Outside

- Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics
- Electronic Components and Parts

ARRL Leadership Presentations

Exciting Presentations about Ham Radio

Licensing Exams - get licensed or upgrade at WINTERFEST

ARRL QSL checking for WAS, DXCC, VUCC

IMPORTANT HEALTH SAFETY INFORMATION

WINTERFEST vendors and attendees are required to adhere to health safety guidelines as administered by Northern Virginia Community College:

www.nvcc.edu/policies/_files/120-COVID19-Face-Coverings-Policy.pdf

For the latest information on health safety guidelines, please visit:

[Viennawireless.net/wp/vws-covid-19-guidance](https://viennawireless.net/wp/vws-covid-19-guidance)

WINTERFEST is Owned and Produced by:

Vienna Wireless Society

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO, PREPPER & MAKER SHOW



An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:
The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Location - at the Manassas Park Community Center
with outdoor and indoor flea market areas, indoor
air-conditioned commercial areas and ample parking

Street address: 99 Adams Street - Manassas Park, Virginia

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE 6'-foot tables: \$30* each with chairs & electricity (\$25 if reserved by May 31st) Setup 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Friday and 5:00 AM - 6:30 AM Saturday	GENERAL ADMISSION \$10* per person at gate (Age 18 and younger: no charge) (*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/31/2022) Gates open at 6:30 AM	TAILGATING (admission is extra) Outdoor Spaces: \$10*per space (*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/31/2022) Gates open at 6:30 AM
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* Online ticket sales and vendor registration available on website

For our Most Current Vendor Info, Lists and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages

<http://w4ovh.net/welcome-to-manassas-hamfest/>

Talk-In Repeater on 146.97-600 CTSS 100

PRIZES:

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM (and listed on the website to be claimed for two weeks after the event)
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 1 PM

INFORMATION:

- Virginia QSO Party Forum and Awards
- No Pets or Firearms. Also, no overnight camping (Check website for campground info)
- Increased number of handicap parking spaces
- Multi-room vendor space this year as well!

ACTIVITIES:

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
\$15.00 Fee per Examinee at the VE Exams
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives & DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Various technology and radio demos
- More forums to be announced, check web site

<http://w4ovh.net/welcome-to-manassas-hamfest/>

Dealer Info from Don / WA2SWX: vendors@manassashamfest.org
General Info from Don / WA2SWX: chairman@manassashamfest.org
VE Testing/Exam Information: <https://winchesterhamtest.com>

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:

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

Name: _____
Name: _____

Call: _____
Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**
P.O. Box 1255
Manassas, VA 20108-1255