

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

April 2022

Next Meeting: April 19, 2022 - Live & In Person!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

April showers bring more showers and then even more showers. But, on the plus side, the days are getting longer & warmer & I'm all for that.

If you can find a dry day, now would be a good time to inspect your antennas & related gear, before the bugs & branches get too thick.

We had an excellent presentation from Jeff Porter on his "Go Box" back at the March 15th meeting. Thank you for taking the time to share.

March 27th was The Manassas "TUNE UP TRI" event of the Tri-It-Now event series. This was the first event of the season. Considering we had short advance notice, we were only short 4 positions. A heartfelt thank you to the 6 who were able to work with the short notice: Andy / KJ4MTP; Al / KB4BHB; Ken / KN4DD; Greg / KM4CCG; Jeff / K9VEG and David / KG4GIY.

A number of our members also participated in the VAQP. I hope everyone remembered to put our club down on their logs when they submitted them. If you haven't yet submitted your logs, you have until April 15th, 2022.

Submit log entries by online portal or mail to: The VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167 or e-mail them to: vqp@verizon.net. If you have problems, please send an email to nq4k@arrl.net

Your OTHER big filing deadline (with IRS and the Virginia Department of Taxation) this year has been extended to April 18th. Better get on that one, too.

The Virginia QSO Party Award Presentations with Gordon Miller, NQ4K, will take place at our OVH Manassas Hamfest on June 4th, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

Speaking of our Hamfest, the 2022 Manassas Hamfest planning is well



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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 2022 - Chairman

Don	WA2SWX	597-3211
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FIELD DAY 2022

Byron	AK4XR	222-2095
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Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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Open - volunteer needed!

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

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JOTA -

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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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QUARTERMASTER

Open - volunteer needed!

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Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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Wayne	N7QLK	571-237-0520
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W4PVA — TRUSTEE

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SUNSHINE

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underway, as is 2022 Field Day planning. Both could use some extra help. If you have the time and inclination, we'd love to see you there.

Scholarship Applications for 2022 are flowing in for the April 15th deadline. We'll announce the recipients soon after that.

Looking to the slightly further future, the Serve Our Wounded Warriors Bike Ride is happening again this year. The event will be on September 10th this year, and numerous volunteers will be needed for this very large event. If you are able to help, please save the date. Additional information on the event and where to sign up will be passed along when I get it.

As we are going to press, it appears the FCC has once again exercised its considerable administrative, bureaucratic regulatory muscle by announcing that its new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications. Please follow the link below, for more detailed information: <http://tinyurl.com/FCC-feeInfoUpdate>

The last page in this newsletter again is the OVH membership renewal form; you can renew online at <https://w4ovh.net>. As always, these upcoming events and more are featured and easily found on the OVH's newly improved website - <https://w4ovh.net/>

Questions, comments and/or war stories can be directed to my e-mail: KN4DD@arrl.net
73, Ken / KN4DD

Sunshine Corner

Happy birthday wishes in April to our club members celebrating this month: Mark / KN4OGC, Shaun / KC9TXL, Harry / KN4IJY, Brian / KK4CBS, Paul / W4ZB, Gene / KN4JMB, Gil / KM4OZH, Paul / N4PD, Joe / KI4OHR, Lillian / KK4MXY, David / KI4AZX and David / KD4DEE

Thoughts and prayers to the family of Ruth / KU4WH. Ruth was a very, very active member of our club for many years and held to office of President for 2 years. She had moved to Strasburg Virginia a few years ago and passed away at home. No information is currently available on services.

Continued best wishes to Ev, xyl of George K4GVT as she recovers from a recent surgery.

Hamfest planning sessions are in progress, please contact Chairman Don / WA2SWX if you can help out with this event, Don's email: wa2swxdm@gmail.com Special thank you to all of those that have already volunteered to help; but we can still use several more club members on the day of the event, Saturday, June 4th, 2022.

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

Reminder – if you upgrade your license or change your address or telephone number(s), please remember to let the club secretary (John / KG4NXT) know so we can keep our records up-to-date – John's email: kg4nxt@arrl.net

Also on a personal note, I was recently searching QRZ.com for different items having to do with our Hamfest and I decided to pull up my own call sign. Well, what a surprise I

had when I realized my license was about to expire in June. Helpfully, QRZ.com provides a simple way to renew: I clicked the button right on the page with my info to renew and then went through entering my information. Everything was updated with my new license expiration date in about three business days. Much, much faster than I thought it would possibly be, a pleasant on-line experience!

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 March 15, 2022:

OVH President Ken / KN4DD called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on March 15, 2022 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns. COVID-19 masks were optional, no longer required!

Jeff K9VEG gave the program. He displayed and explained the go box that he made for Parks on the air.

The minutes of the February OVH meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Ken / KN4DD read the Treasurer's report emailed to him by Don / WA2SWX. Report was approved.

Luther / WA3FMO gave the membership report. There were two new membership applicant read-ins to be voted upon at the next meeting: David Weaver / KY4MM and Richard Hennighausen / N4HOS.

ARES report. Training was cancelled. Byron / AK4XR mentioned a run that will be supported on March 26th.

Ken / KE2N gave the Repeater Report. All repeaters are currently working. There had been an issue with the 5 gig microwave link between Mt. Pone and the NOVEC site. Ken suspects the LAN components rather than the RF components. He is investigating further.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. He assisted with a two day training event by Woodbridge wireless. Woodbridge gave a class and Mark helped with the next day VE session. Five of the six attendees passed an exam.

Hamfest report. There was a Hamfest committee meeting on February 22nd. There will be another on March 22nd at Sam and Joe's. Flyers and tickets have been printed. We still need more volunteers. We will have a table at the Vienna hamfest and will distribute Hamfest flyers there.

Field Day. Byron / AK4XR gave the Field Day report. There was a planning meeting this month. Byron appealed for Night operators and Mark WA4KFZ raised his hand.

JOTA. John / KG4NXT spoke about the low number of scouts at the last JOTA and stated we needed to address that problem.

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Sunshine Report. Theresa KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report: She did the birthdays and mentioned that Wayne / N7QLK had a daughter get married. The Virginia QSO party will be in March next weekend. She encouraged all to participate and submit a log. She thanks Jay NQ4T for his service as OVH President for two years.

The 50/50 raffle has a gross of \$24. John KK4TCEwon and donated his share to the club.

Old Business: None

New Business: John / KG4NXT and Ken / KN4DD discussed the need for a club archive of passwords and committee forms. Ken will work on this in two weeks.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFEST AND VE SESSION TYPE EVENTS:

The COVID pandemic, now winding down or ending, depending upon who you believe, killed off many live Hamfest type events almost everywhere for the past two years, but Hamfests are at last being held again.

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.

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

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.



Passing the President's Gavel at the February 2022 OVH Regular Meeting: Jay / NQ4T to Ken / KN4DD



Jeff / K9VEG's Go-Box presentation during the March 2022 OVH Regular Meeting



To the Left:

OVH Member attendees
at the March 2022
Manassas Hamfest
Committee Meeting

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

* 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