

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

May 2022

Next Meeting: May 17, 2022 - Live & In Person!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

It's hot. It's cold. It's wet. It's dry. Repeat. Often. Last winter's schizophrenic weather just seems to go on and on. On the plus side, we certainly aren't experiencing the drought the folks out west are experiencing.

I am proud to report that The Ole Virginia Hams has selected two STEM students for the 2022 Steve Frick Scholarship. Additionally, I am very pleased to announce that for the first time ever, we have two young women as our STEM student scholarship winners. These young people will be present at the beginning of our May 17th meeting for the award presentation.



On May 8, 2022, the OVH supported our second Run, Bike, and Swim Mini Tri of 2022. Officially called “The Tri It Now - Ladies Choice”, there were also a number of tweens spotted in the race. Proving perhaps, that it is never too early to develop personal fitness habits & a sense of community. Big thanks again to Andy / KJ4MTP for organizing and coordinating the spotters that make up OVH's communications support for this. Also volunteering was Greg / KM4CCG; Ken / KN4DD; Wayne / N4HCR; John / KG4NXT; David / KG4GIY; Al / KB4BHB and Lori / KC0EWN. Of special note, this was the first Mini Tri for Lori / KC0EWN and Wayne /N4HCR. They did fine and we hope that they enjoyed the day enough to volunteer again.

Andy / KJ4MTP is also coordinating the OVH's participation with communications support on September 10, 2022 for the “Warrior Bike Ride.” If you haven't volunteered yet, please contact Andy at andy@gamponia.com This is a fun event and each volunteer gets a coupon for a free meal after the race. Check out the <https://willingwarriors.org> to

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HAMFEST 2022 - Chairman

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FIELD DAY 2022

Byron	AK4XR	222-2095
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Open - volunteer needed!

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NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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PROGRAMS

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QUARTERMASTER

Open - volunteer needed!

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SUNSHINE

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see why it is a great opportunity for us to volunteer for a great cause.

Our next OVH Monthly Breakfast get together will be on May 14th @ 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM EDT at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Road, Manassas Virginia, Tel: 703-368-4905, web site: <https://yorkshirerestaurantmanassas.com> We usually have 8 to 10 OVH members show up. I hope to see you there on Saturday morning.

Each year, the month of June is always the OVH's busiest month with two major club events: (1) The Manassas Hamfest on Saturday, June 4th from 6:30 AM until 2:00 PM EDT this year; and then (2) the ARRL/OVH Field Day event will take place on June 25th and June 26th at the Pavilion at the Nokesville Community Park.

First up is Hamfest 2022, June 4, 2022 from 6:30 AM - 2:00 PM EDT. The Hamfest is the club's signature event for the last 40 plus years. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be our first Hamfest in two years. I'm pleased to report that Dr. Bob Heil, will be our featured (remote) speaker. For location and additional information, please go here: <https://w4ovh.net/welcome-to-manassas-hamfest> The actual location is: Manassas Park Community Center, 99 Adams Street. Manassas Park, VA 20111 Tel: 703-335-8872

Our second big event will be the ARRL/OVH Field Day from 2 PM on Saturday, June 25th until 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 26th at the Pavilion at the Nokesville Community Park. The actual location: the Big Pavilion at the Nokesville Park, 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville, Virginia 20181. Come and be "Radio Active". Or, if you would rather watch, you could see HF, VHF/UHF and Digital modes in action. With so much to explore, the opportunities are endless.

If you are new to hobby, make sure you are there for setup; then stick around and try to make a few contacts. Don't worry if you are inexperienced, there are plenty of members around to help you get those first few contacts. As this is a family event, we are pleased to tell you the Saturday night dinner is back. Please bring a favorite dish to share and dinner will be around 5:00 PM. This will be a rain or shine event as will be under the big pavilion. So come on out and get on the air!

Please remember Ken, KE2N in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his stroke.

We really are extremely fortunate as a club to have such accomplished people who work so hard to make these plans and then work just as hard to bring them to fruition.

The next regular OVH meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:30 PM in the training room at the Buckhall VFD, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas. COVID masks are optional, Karl / W4KRL will give a presentation on emergency power systems; Karl is a Professional Engineer / EE and always gives an excellent presentation. Be sure to attend!

A reminder to check in to the OVH's Thursday night VHF/UHF repeater net at 8 PM. The details for that are on the OVH's web site: <https://w4ovh.net> This is a great way to stay in touch.

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

73, Ken / KN4DD

Sunshine Corner

Happy birthday wishes in May to our club members celebrating this month – Kenneth / KI4EOH, Lynn / KX4HR, John / KM4VCJ, David / KG4GIY, Bill / WA4FIC, Jack / N4YIC, Carl / KK4ZYX, Craig / WA3UFY, Roberto / KM4RIE, Dick / KM4UXE, Susan / K3SSP, Bruce / KN4GDX, Don / WA2SWX, Robert / KJ4EOR, and John / KG4NXT

It's crunch time! The 2022 Manassas Hamfest will be on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Still time to volunteer to help that day! In addition, tables are still available for inside sales. Please contact Chairman, Don / WA2SWX, if you can help with this event; Don's email is: wa2swxdm@gmail.com Thank you to those that have already volunteered to help.

Field Day 2022 planning meetings are under way; contact Byron / AK4XR for information. Byron's email is: ak4xr@dillonelectric.com

During the April meeting, Jay / NQ4T was presented with an award for serving as the club president the last two years. See the picture on page 8 below in this newsletter. Jay was instrumental in keeping the club moving forward during COVID pandemic. We very much appreciate his time and attention to the club and ham radio.

Very happy anniversary wishes to OVH Director and Member, Charlie / WA4YGI and his bride Ellie. They celebrated 60 years together this month! See, picture on page 8 below in this Newsletter.

John / KG4NXT and I were able to celebrate my parent's 65th wedding anniversary this month! We did have a party for them and it was a great family get together.

The OVH Steve Frick Scholarship – the OVH now has two winners / awardees this year and both are planning to attend our May 17th meeting for their check presentation.

Sending good wishes to all of the moms and hope they were able to have a nice Mother's Day!

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 April 19, 2022:

OVH Vice President, Tony / KM4KLB, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on April 19, 2022 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. .

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Tony gave a presentation on Sunspots and HF propagation and showed a video by Carl / K9LA on Sunspot Cycle 25 propagation and how to read the QRZ.com propagation widget.

The minutes of the March 2022 OVH meeting were approved.

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

Luther / WA3FMO gave the membership report. There were two read-ins: Rob McKeever, II / KC4DVN, and Noel Wolber / NW5N. There were two vote-ins, both were voted in: David Weaver / KY4MM, and Richard Hennighausen / N4HOS.

ARES report. Tony / KM4KLB mentioned that there was training on April 9th and there will be more training on May 21th.

Ken / KE2N was unable to give the Repeater Report due a stroke. He asked for help to get the new two meter repeater antenna off his driveway. Lori / KC0EWN volunteered to be backup for this.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. There is no current activity.

Don / WA2SWX gave 2022 Manassas Hamfest report. We are doing very well on Hamfest volunteers and need to work on getting more vendor tables sold. The next Hamfest planning meeting will be on April 26th.

Byron / AK4XR gave the Field Day planning report. The next planning meeting will be on May 10th.

JOTA: No report.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report. She did the birthdays. She presented Jay / NQ4T with an award recognizing his service as president during the pandemic.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tony presented slides of the results of his OVH program survey and also mentions upcoming radio contests.

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:

Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 2:00 PM until Sunday, June 26, 2:00 PM - the ARRL/OVH Field Day event at the Pavilion at the Nokesville Community Park, 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville, Virginia. The start and times given above are the actual start and end times for the on-the-air element of Field Day. Set up begins earlier on that Saturday morning. You don't have to be there the whole time to have fun. There will be other OVH events taking place throughout the on-the-air operating contest activities, including the dinner on Saturday. It is lots of fun, family members, neighbors and anyone else interested in ham radio or any of its many aspects are invited to attend. Save the date.

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.

New OVH Two Meter Repeater Antenna on the Mount Pone Water Tower

Ken / KE2N had determined that our old 2 meter repeater antenna on the Mount Pone water tower had severely deteriorated performance after any heavy rainfall. As a result, he ordered a new, replacement antenna; but then, completely unexpectedly, he had a stroke in mid-April and was hospitalized before he was able to install it.

Ken asked for OVH members to come install it. The quickly assembled team consisted of Byron / AK4XR, Gil / KM4OZH, Al / KB4BHB, John / KG4NXT, Jeff / WB4TT and Cat / KM4PBD. Byron had previously climbed the water tower at Mount Pone, but the

first climb had to be cancelled because of a death in his family. On the second attempt, there were some rain sprinkles in the morning but everyone decided the climb should go on to get the job done. Cat was unable to help because of work.

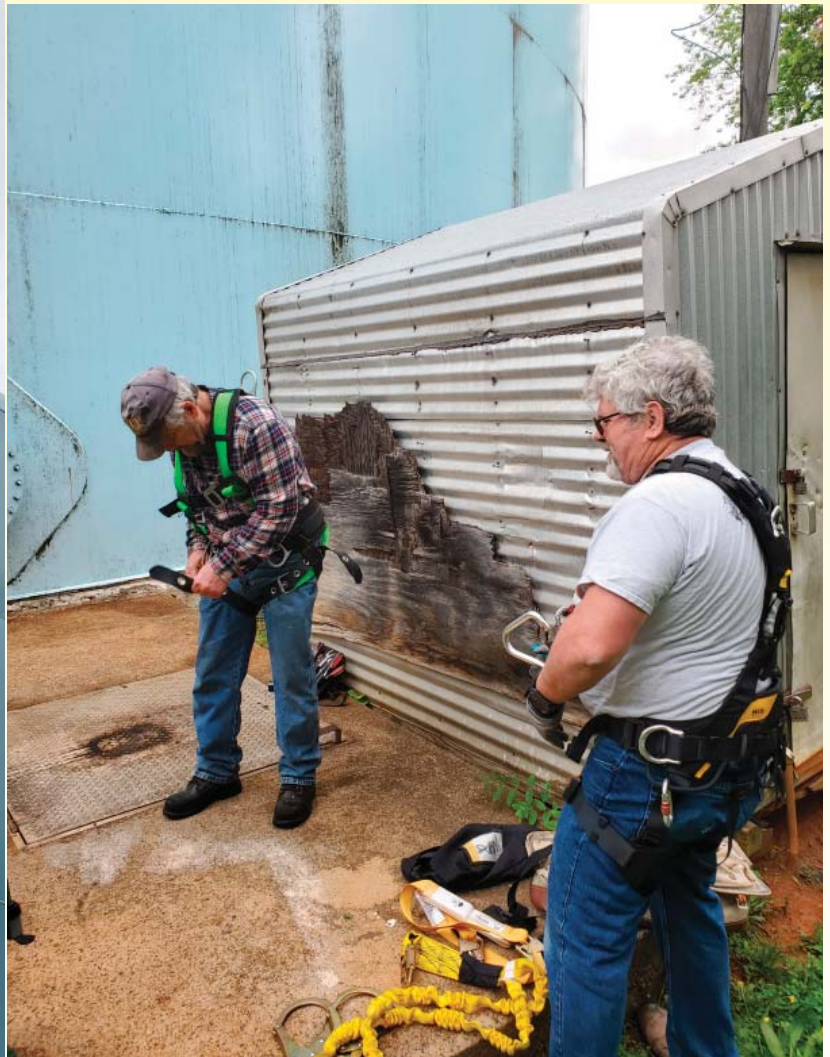
It took almost work five hours of work from start to get the new antenna physically installed to replace the old one on May 12, 2022. While Byron and Gil were on the tower during the work, they determined that the existing clamps were not heavy-duty enough. Gil had another set of clamps so he climbed down and went home to get them; while there

he removed rust, put the bolts thru a die, and painted them with quick drying paint. Further on the air testing will likely be needed for the new antenna to be sure it works as expected.

Ken is due to be released from his stroke rehab on May 12th. Jeff will drive the old antenna to Ken's house on Bull Run Mountain for a post mortem inspection by Ken once he is up and around again. Thanks to everyone for assisting with this. A few pictures follow.



Above: Finishing Up Physical Installation



Above: Getting Ready to Climb

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Above: Climbing requires skill, know-how and daring. Below Left: Supervisors supervising.



OVH Director, Charlie / WA4YGI with Ellie

Former OVH Pres. Jay / NQ4T at 4/19/2022 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
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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
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VE Testing/Exam Information: <https://winchesterhamtest.com>