

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

June 2022

Upcoming Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, June 22, 2022

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Well, despite a couple of really hot days early in the month, June temperatures so far, are about average.

We certainly couldn't have asked for better weather for our Manassas Hamfest on June 4th. It was beautiful day with low humidity, too. It was our first full blown Manassas Hamfest since the beginning of the pandemic. You might remember that last year we did a Tailgate Party, in lieu of a Hamfest. We did it that way due to the COVID restrictions in place at that time. Outdoor space was all we could rent last year. So with the pandemic winding down and \$5+ / gallon gasoline prices, we held our first post COVID Hamfest, and I call it a success. Our team was headed up once again by Don / WA2SWX. We were once again back in the Manassas Park Community Center, and in the black, I might add. We had a large army of OVH volunteers, due to our talent wrangler and Chief Cajoler in Charge, Theresa / KG4TVM. Traffic Control and Parking both went flawlessly due to the guidance of Tony / KM4KLB. A huge heartfelt thank you to all of the many other OVH volunteers. A follow up article and some pictures appear later in this Newsletter.



Back at our last monthly meeting on May 17th, we awarded our Steve Frick Scholarships to two very deserving STEM students: Abigail Herbas of Gar-Field Senior High School and Janu Singh of Osbourn High School. And for the first time in OVH history, both of our awardees are young women. We wish them much success as they start on their college careers. Follow up items about these awardees appear below.

I wrote last month that June is always one of our most busy seasons and now it is

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Open - volunteer needed!

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NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

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Open - volunteer needed!

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here. First up now (since the June 4th Manassas Hamfest), on Saturday, June 18th will be our OVH Monthly Breakfast Get Together at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Road, Manassas beginning at 8:00 AM. We hope to see you there.

Next, very important, our next upcoming monthly meeting will be on **Wednesday (NOT on Tuesday)**, June 22nd, 2022 at 7:30 PM. NOTE: this has been pushed back by one day this month due to a one time scheduling conflict for the venue. DO NOT come to the meeting on the regular third Tuesday in the month - on June 21st - this month – because we won't be there! Our regular meetings will resume next month on the third Tuesday each month unless otherwise notified well in advance. Our regular meeting place for our monthly meeting continues to be at the Buckhall VFD Hall (COVID masks optional), 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas.

Next up, the ARRL / OVH 2022 Field Day event will begin on Saturday, June 25th @ 2:00 PM and will run overnight, concluding on Sunday June 26th @ 2:00 PM EDT. We will be at the large pavilion at: the Nokesville Community Park, 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville – the same place as for the past several year. Field Day volunteers will be involved with antenna and other set up on Friday and on Saturday morning. This Field Day event will again be one of the OVH's major annual events for members and their families and others interested in ham radio, all of whom are invited. For the radio operators, there will be ample opportunities to operate HF and VHF radios to make contacts other Field Day stations around the USA and Canada. There will be other events occurring during the days, including a Saturday fox hunt and the Saturday evening potluck meal. See, the Field Day Flyer at the back of this Newsletter. Also check on the OVH web site and with others planning to attend for more details. Contact Byron / AK4XR, Field Day Chairman, for information ak4xr@dillonelectric.com Because some folks in the past have had trouble finding the pavilion we have put GPS coordinates in our Event Calendar on our website. <https://w4ovh.net/event/arrl-2022-field-day/>

On Sunday June 26th, in addition to the ARRL 2022 Field Day conclusion, OVH will also be supporting the Tri It Now – Manassas Mini Tri at the The Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center, 9100 Freedom Center Blvd, Manassas. Volunteer spotters are needed. We will meet at the rally point on Sunday, June 26th @ 6:30 AM running until approximately 12:00 noon. Our support for the Manassas Mini-Tri is also a great way for our new hams to get acquainted their equipment and with our club members. All that is needed is an HT and a desire to serve. If you are interested, please contact Andy / KJ4MTP – you can reach Andy via email at andy@gamponia.com

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 June to our club members celebrating this month – Jan / KE4TMW, Jim / KM4SXM, Bob / W4PHX, Wayne / AG4ZZ, Gene / N4HFW, Bob / K4HJF, Robert / N0DGN, David / KQ4BDS, and Ron / K3FR.

Hamfest 2022 is in the books! Thanks to our chair Don / WA2SWX for keeping us on track. Also thank you very much to all the club members and spouses that came out to volunteer at the event, we couldn't have pulled it off without each of you. Please see the link to all the photos that George / K4GVT has posted!

Next up Field Day at the end of this month. Contact Byron / AK4XR for information at email: ak4xr@dillonelectric.com
See also, the Field Day Flyer at the back of this Newsletter.

Condolences to Jeff WB4TT on the passing of his mother on June 5th.

It took me until the May meeting to get a good photo of our four OVH officers for 2022 all together, see it to the right. Left to right Tony / KM4KLB (VP), Ken / KN4DD (President), Don / WA2SWX (Treasurer) and John / KG4NXT (Secretary).



Congratulations to one of the OVH's newer members on getting his ticket. David's call sign is KQ4BDS; hope we hear you on the air soon!

Congrats also to Duane / KK4BZ on winning a First Place award in the ARRL's 2021 10 Meter Contest. Wow! An image of that award appears late in this Newsletter.

It was a special event at our May meeting with presenting two scholarship checks to Janu and Abigail. Very impressive high school records they both have. Wishing them both much success in college! More about that later in this Newsletter.



Every Thursday at 8 p.m., we have the Thursday night net. Details about how to join in are on the OVH web site, w4ovh.net Please join us, hear good information on club news as well as upcoming events.

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held live on May 17, 2022:

OVH President Ken KN4DD called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on May 17, 2022 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns.

Ken presented the Steve Frick scholarship awards and certificates to the winners / awardees and their respective families: Janu Singh GPA 4.3 majoring in Computer Science and Abigail Herbas GPA 4.5 majoring in Computer Science.

The minutes of the April 2022 OVH meeting were approved.

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

Luther WA3FMO gave themembership report. There were two new read-ins: Ken Foreman / KO4ZSY and Jim Rosseau / WI4EE, both to be voted on next month.

'There were two vote-ins, both voted in: Rob McKeever, II / KC4VDN and Noel Wolber / NW5N.

Andy / KJ4MTP gave the ARES report. There will be ARES training on Saturday, May 21. There will be an event at Quantico on May 22.

Ken / KE2N was unable to give the Repeater Report in person but submitted a written report. Wires-X gateway and D-Star gateway running fine. Microwave link between Mt Pone and NOVEC is working. The 146.97 machine has new antenna but has problems when used duplex. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

Don / WA2SWX gave the Hamfest report. We have 25 to 26 tables spoken for. We need to sell another 10 or so tables. There will be a final Hamfest planning meeting on May 19th.

Byron / AK4XR gave the Field Day report. There was discussion of donation for the food. We need night OPS and we will be running class 3A. Ron / K3FR is doing the UHF/VHF station. Byron is bringing Boy Scouts for a fox hunt on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday meal will be a potluck.

Ken / KN4DD reported on the club website. All is running fine.

JOTA: Theresa reported that there has been a discussion with the Boy Scouts regarding the number of scouts attending. OVH will not do JOTA again this year unless we have some assurances about attendance levels.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report, including birthdays.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tony / KM4KLB discussed upcoming programs and asked for volunteers to help present programs. He also mentioned upcoming radio contests.

Andy / KJ4MTP discussed the upcoming SOWW on September 10. He will be putting out an email asking for volunteers.

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.

Sunday, August 7, 2022 - the 71st Annual Berryville Hamfest, Berryville, Virginia, gates open at 6:00 AM. This is relatively close by and very popular for OVH members to attend. More info at: <https://svarc.us/events/68th-annual-berryville-hamfest/2022-08-07>. See also, the Flyer later in this Newsletter. /

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. 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. Check out the Field Day Flyer later in this Newsletter. Field Day Chairman: Byron / AK4XR at email: ak4xr@dillonelectric.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

Sunday morning, early to mid-morning, June 26, 2022. OVH members will provide support for communications at the Tri It Now mini-triathlon at the Manassas George Mason University Campus and the Freedom Center Aquatic Fitness Center. Contact in Manassas. Contact Andy / KJ4MTP via email at andy@gamponia.com who is coordinating OVH participation.

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.

Was The Original Ethernet RF System First Successfully Instrumented By A Radio Ham?

A recent IEEE item about its web site: <https://spectrum.ieee.org/xerox-parc> caught my attention; I went there right away looking for updates on several student friends I had last seen and spoken with a few years ago at a class reunion. That site contained the first speculation I had seen that Bob Metcalfe, well known as the inventor of Ethernet at Xerox PARC, possibly or likely would not have made that invention without the help he / his lab received from the late David Boggs / WA3DBJ, a radio ham, who reportedly was recognized as an Ethernet co-inventor. More hams involve too? Years before Ethernet, in the mid-1960's, a ham friend (Ken, now AK1Q) from my (long ago) home town in Connecticut who was in the same student living group with Bob, not a radio ham, introduced us when we were all students together; thereafter we trekked together in the rain and snow over the long Massachusetts Avenue Bridge many times on the way to and from classes. Your Editor

OVH Scholarship Awards - May 17, 2022

On May 17, 2022, the OVH awarded two equal Scholarships to two high school seniors from Prince William County selected from a large group of applicants; both are young women who took concentrations in STEM subjects during their high school years and both achieved high grade point averages in those subjects. Both will be enrolling in universities to pursue their respective interests in STEM subjects; both are presently most interested in majoring in computer related subjects, including programming.

The first awardee was Janu Singh of Manassas, Osbourn High School. She will be attending George Washington University's School of Engineering and Applied Science in Washington, D.C.



The second awardee is Abigail Herbas of Woodbridge, Gar-Field High School. She will be attending the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.



BEST WISHES FOR FUTURE SUCCESSES FOR BOTH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The 2022 Manassas Hamfest Recap

by Ken - the other Ken - / KN4DD

June 4th, 2022, – the 48th Manassas Hamfest. A beautiful sunrise. No humidity. And the temperature just right for a spring day.

OVH volunteers started arriving around 5:00 AM. Our doors opened at 6:00 AM for the vendors & general admission began 30 minutes later. After a 2 year hiatus, we were ready.

Boy, were we ready. OVH members came out in droves to support us. What a tremendous amount of support. And this didn't happen by accident. As usual, Theresa, KG4TVM, was the Head Talent Wrangler and the Chief Cajoler in Charge. After weeks of prompting, all of her efforts were paid back in spades. A veritable army of volunteers.

Dr. Bob Heil was to be our featured speaker. However, due to the load on the Manassas Park Community Center's wi-fi infrastructure by the other parties present, we did not have enough bandwidth. The OVH had sent down previously, two teams of two members each to the Community Center on separate days to test their wi-fi setup. Those tests passed on both days. As President and also one of those team members, I will take the hit on this one. Mea Culpa. Nonetheless, lesson learned. If and when the OVH does do another remote presentation, regardless of software packages, we will have a wireless hotspot in place.

But, a perspective – his was only one of four presentations, the other all went flawlessly.

Presenters, Karl Berger / W4KRL and Jack Smith / KE4LWT both had groups following them out the door to continue discussions.

If you didn't already know, Jack Smith, KE4LWT, is our ARRL Section Chief.

And the Virginia QSO Party had its usual standing room only crowd. A big thank you to the Virginia QSO Party team for joining us at Manassas Hamfest. Once again, an outstanding presentation to a packed house.

Indoor table sales were good. We had 35 assigned tables.

Additionally, we had approximately 300 tickets for general admission and we had about 60 tailgaters, several taking up multiple slots.

The Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club (SVARC) was assigned to be the VEs for the VEC session at our Hamfest. It certainly was a long enough drive for them, even in the ideal weather that day. Another thank you to them for being instrumental in helping the Ole Virginia Hams in bringing more new hams into The Hobby.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone that came out to lend a hand with our 48th Hamfest!

I am overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from our members. Especially so, in such a challenging environment as we find ourselves today. Job well done. All of our teams came together as one and executed well. Very well.

I'd like to publicly recognize our ticket sales team, as well as the kitchen, parking, and door monitoring teams. I'd also like to acknowledge our vendors & tailgaters, who were both efficient and professional.

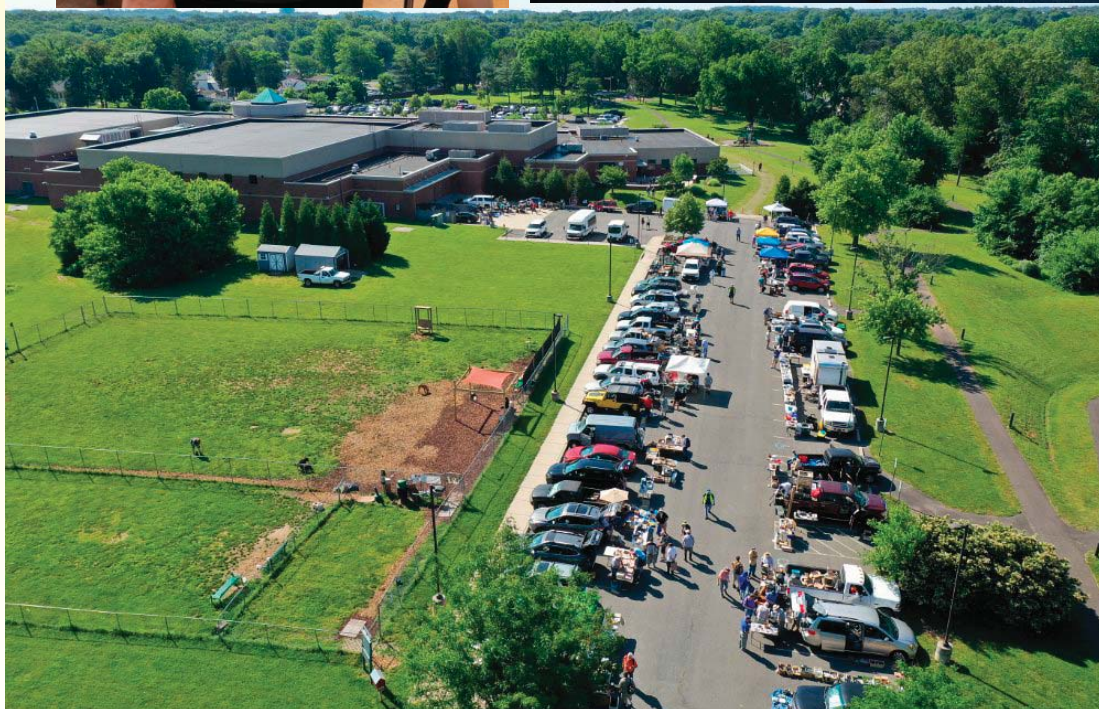
The OVH made a fair amount of money which will greatly assist with our operations for the upcoming year. Once again you all did a great job and made it fun!

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George / K4GVT has created a web link at <https://k4gvt.com/ovh/hamfest2022> with a large number of images (including some drone aerials) which he as well as Pinky / KN4ZLY and Theresa / KG4TVM took during the Hamfest. Just a very small number of them appear below.



Ken / KN2DD

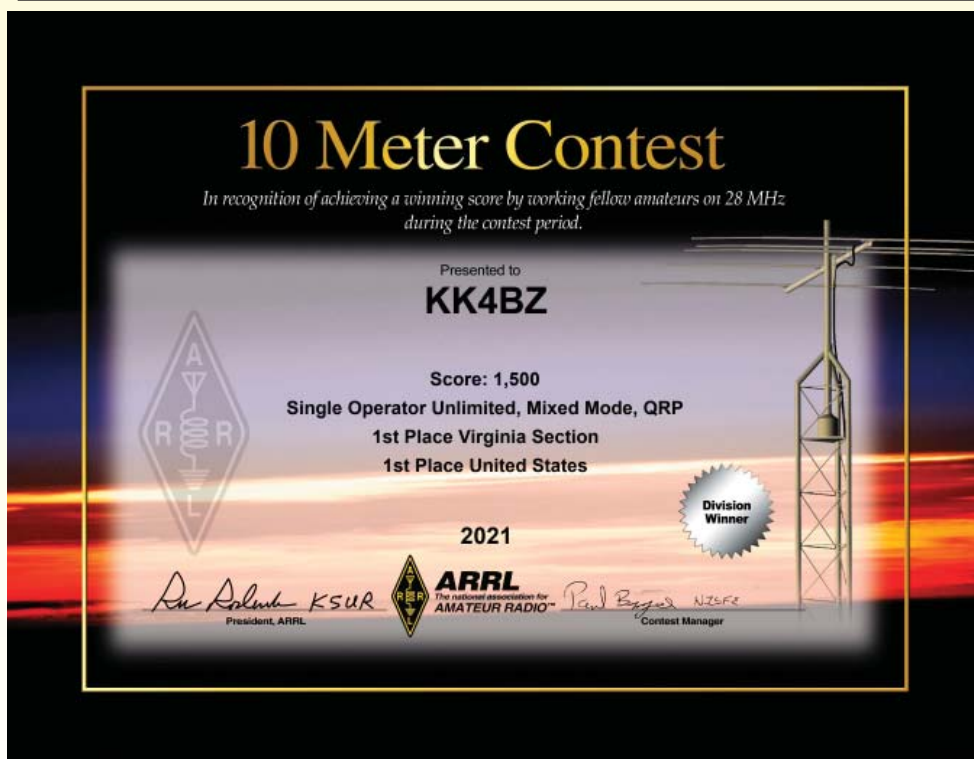


Don / WA2SWX

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Be sure to check out <https://k4gvt.com/ovh/hamfest2022> for more pictures from the 2022 Manassas Hamfest!



OVH Member
Duane / KK4BZ
was recently awarded
a First Prize
in the
ARRL's 2021
10 Meter Contest.

Quite an achievement
for Duane and
one which shows
persistence, expertise
and a lot more. Due
to the number of
competitors and the
usual competition, it
takes considerable
effort to win any prize!

Ole Virginia Hams



2:00 PM Saturday, June 25th - 2:00 PM Sunday, 26th, 2022

Nokesville Park, 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA

Rain or Shine! We will be under the big pavilion. Come on out and get on the air!

The Saturday night dinner is back! Bring a favorite dish to share, dinner around 5 pm! This is a family event!

Fox Hunt following the Saturday dinner, all are welcome!

Any questions; please see our webpage at www.w4ovh.net or Facebook Ole Virginia Hams – W4OVH



The Shenandoah Valley
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST



71st Annual Berryville Hamfest

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds
890 W. Main St., Berryville, VA

- GATE OPENS AT 6:00 AM • VENDOR BUILDINGS OPEN BY 8:00 AM



ADMISSION FEE \$10.00 per person, children under 16, free

- ADDITIONAL \$10.00 FOR A TAILGATE SPACE (First come, first served)
- INDOOR VENDOR TABLES BY RESERVATION (see below)
- SPECIAL HOTEL PRICE: HAMPTON INN (1204 Berryville Ave, Winchester 540-678-4000)

Country Ham &
Eggs Breakfast
starting at 6:00 AM

Ruritan's famous
chicken & beef
barbecue from
11:00 AM

Grand Prize: HF Rig
Other great prizes &
gift certificates
drawn every hour



VE Exams will be
given by the **Laurel
Amateur Radio Club
VE Team of the LARC
VEC** at the Clarke
County High School.
Walk-ins are welcome.
Testing begins at 12:00
noon. A photo ID,
FRN, and email address
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