

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

October 2022

Upcoming Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

It's October and 2022 is winding down. I'm finding that for me, the cooler night air is "free air conditioning" but honestly, Mrs. KN4DD thinks I'm a bit out of my mind. Heavy sigh.

Last year, I was invited to be part of the 2022 Warrior Bike Ride Executive Planning Committee.

At that time, I had no idea how much planning, work & (three county) coordination went into a one day event. It was both a privilege and a pleasure working with these very professional women & men and I learned quite a bit.

Additionally, I have some new numbers for the SOWW Warrior Bike Ride that took place back on September 10th, 2022.

- It took 150 volunteers to support the ride with 1,350 hours of manpower for event day alone
- The Ole Virginia Hams fielded 26 operators as bike route spotters
- Warrior Ride Committee preparations began last December for this year's ride (2022).
- 75% of our riders have some military affiliation either as active duty, Veteran or military family member.
- Several groups have been with us from the beginning including The Farm Brewery, Nam Knights, Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department and of course, the Ole Virginia Hams.
- Event riders on the road: 273
- Funds Raised for the Warrior Retreat: \$83,300 This will fully fund 33 family stays at the Retreat!!

The proposed / expected date for 2023 is Saturday, September 9th.



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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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John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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JOTA -

vacant	—	
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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!

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Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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David	KG4GIY	361-3042
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Wayne	N7QLK	571-237-0520
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W4PVA — TRUSTEE

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SCHOLARSHIP 2022

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SUNSHINE

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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More good news! Our very own Ken / KE2N has recovered enough to begin driving again. Hopefully it will not be much longer before we see him again at our monthly meetings.

Some sad news however: OVH's participation in 2022 Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) has been cancelled for this year. The OVH Executive Officers had difficulty reaching the Scout Council initially, and then our two organizations could not agree on scheduling and promotion. I am hopeful that we can reach an understanding for JOTA 2023. I think we can agree that both the Scouts and the OVH are better off with each other. With JOTA we get a chance to help influence these young scouts & bring to light radio technologies they might find as interesting & useful as we do.

Our next regular OVH monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM EDT at the Buckhall VFD Hall, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia.

There will be several important announcements at this meeting. Please plan on attending.

You don't have to wait until the 18th to see everyone again. Our monthly breakfast is this Saturday, October 15th at 8:00 AM. Pioneered by Byron, AK4XR, we get together every Saturday before our meetings at a table or two in the back of Yorkshire Restaurant for some good food and good conversation. Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Road, Manassas, Virginia, Menu at: <https://www.yorkshirerestaurantmanassas.com/menu/>

Some things that are definitely going to happen:

Tri It Now "SEASON WRAP UP" with a new race too. It will be held on Sun., 10/23/22, 8:45 AM, at The Freedom Center, Manassas, <https://www.triitnow.com> for more info.

The Season Wrap Up will start with the run, then do the bike, and finally end up with a "snake swim" at the pool. We'll do the swim last instead of first because late October can be mighty cold for racing with a wet head!!

Categories include: triathlon, duathlon, aquabike, aquathlon, tri-relay teams & a new race category - DU-Relays (2 or 3 person teams with each person completing 1 or 2 legs of the triathlon or duathlon) - ages 10 through adult. We need 7 or 8 volunteers as I write this. As always, to volunteer contact Andy, KJ4MTP via email: andy@gamponia.com

The 76th Greater Manassas Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd at 10 AM.

Planning is well underway, but we will need volunteer spotters. If interested and available, please contact George / K4GVT via e-mail george@k4gvt.com

Also the OVH Holiday Party is once again being organized by Theresa, KG4TVM and will happen Sunday, December 11th at Yorkshire Restaurant. We will again be working with the U.S. Marine Corps and their Toys for Tots program. I'm sure we'll all be anxiously awaiting further details.

Also, a reminder to check in to the OVH's Thursday night VHF/UHF net at 8 PM.

The details for that are on the OVH's web site: <https://w4ovh.net>

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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 to our club members celebrating this October – Chris / KN4IJF, Richard / (no call yet), Robert / KK4MXU, Ray / KM4EKR, and Phil / AC4PL . Happy wishes to everyone for a great year.

If you have a birthday this month and are not listed, please let me know!

The Manassas Christmas Parade this year will be on Saturday, December 3rd. The OVH has been entered in the Parade as a participating unit with a club trailer. The OVH will also support the Parade with radio communications throughout the parade route. We do need a club member to pull the trailer thru the parade with a suitable size (volunteer) truck with a hitch, If you are available to help out with this, please let me know at kg4tvm@hotmail.com or 703-257-3566. We will also need help with decorating the trailer.

If you would like to work your radio during the Parade, contact George / K4GVT, who is again coordinating all of the radios – george@k4gvt.com

The OVH Holiday Party this year will be on Sunday, December 11th, again at the Yorkshire Restaurant. This is a family event; please bring a covered dish to share. In addition, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Toys For Tots campaign.

Many thanks to Ron / K3FR on providing the program on contest operating at the September club meeting, with many remarks about ham radio as it was many years ago. See the photo later in this Newsletter.

Also, congratulations to John / KG4NXT on getting his certificate for Worked All States on CW (Morse Code). That took quite a while to get, partly because the number of CW (Morse Code) operator continues to decline since the 1990's when Morse Code was eliminated as a requirement for an operator license. John is very proud of this accomplishment! See, photo later in this Newsletter.

Parks on the Air (POTA) – John / KG4NXT, Al / KB4BHB and I went out to the Mason Neck State Park on October 10th during which John activating the location for POTA. Beautiful park, and the weather was amazing. John was able to make many contacts. See photo later in this Newsletter. It looks like OVH member, Jeff / K9VEG, has been activating POTA sites out west at the beginning of the month; he and John are separately accumulating a lot of POTA awards! POTA – for anyone interested in more info check out Parks on the Air | POTA or check out: <https://parksontheair.com> You can also request information at the club meeting or on the email reflector.

Don't forget the OVH's Thursday night VHF/UHF net at 8:00 pm each week. Please join us!

73 Theresa KG4TVM
kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held live on Wednesday, September 21, 2022:

OVH President, Ken / KN4DD, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on September 17, 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.

Ron K3FR gave a program on contesting and logging. His slides will be available in the membership section of the OVH web site.

The minutes of the August 17, 2022 OVH meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report read by Ken / KN4DD was approved.

Luther WA3FMO gave the membership report. There were two read-ins and no vote-ins:

'There were two member applicants for vote-in; both were voted in: Peter McNabb / K7PTR and C.J. Stanton / KN4NXZ.

Tony / KM4KLB gave the ARES report. He mentioned the upcoming November Turkey Trot event.

Repeater report from Ken / KE2N was read aloud: The OVH FM, D-Star and Fusion repeaters are all working. Wires-x and internet linking are working. The noise on the input of the 147.970 still appears but is below the squelch level and does not bother operation. There is an online spectrum analyzer at the repeater shack and investigation is ongoing.

Training: Mark / WA4KFZ has contributed several questions to the official Extra Class license question pool.

Ken / KN4DD gave the Scholarship report. No current activity.

Hamfest for 2023 Report. No Chairman yet for this event. Some discussion about the future of the Manassas Hamfest.

Field Day report. Ken / KN4DD is working on recruiting a chair.

JOTA report. The OVH has decided not to do JOTA in 2022.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report. Birthdays were mentioned. On December 3rd, the OVH will participate in Manassas Christmas Parade. Theresa needs someone with a suitable truck to pull the OVH trailer during the Parade. Also, the OVH will be providing Parade communications and George K4GVT is expected to ask for volunteers. On Sunday, December 11th, the OVH will have its Holiday Party at 6 pm at the Yorkshire Restaurant. We will be collecting Toys for Tots again.

A raffle was held for a BaoFeng handheld and Andy / KJ4MTP won. He donated the BaoFeng handheld radio back to the club for a new ham that needs one. The raffle raised \$45.

Old Business: None. New Business: Ken appointed Gil / KM4OZH to the technical committee, citing his contributions on the 2 meter repeater problems.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFEST AND VE SESSION TYPE EVENTS:

The COVID pandemic has substantially wound down or completely ended, depending upon who you believe. Hamfests are being held again, but none nearby to report this month.

Hamfests - no known hamfest event scheduled locally through the end of 2022.

OVH CLUB EVENTS:

Sunday, December 11, 2022, 6:00 PM on - year end Holiday Party at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Road, Manassas, Family event, Partly Pot-Luck, Save the Date - more next month.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

There are lots of on the air operating contests in the Fall each year.

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, October 23, 2022 at 8:45 AM - Tri It Now "SEASON WRAP UP" at the Freedom Center, Manassas, <https://www.triitnow.com> for more info.

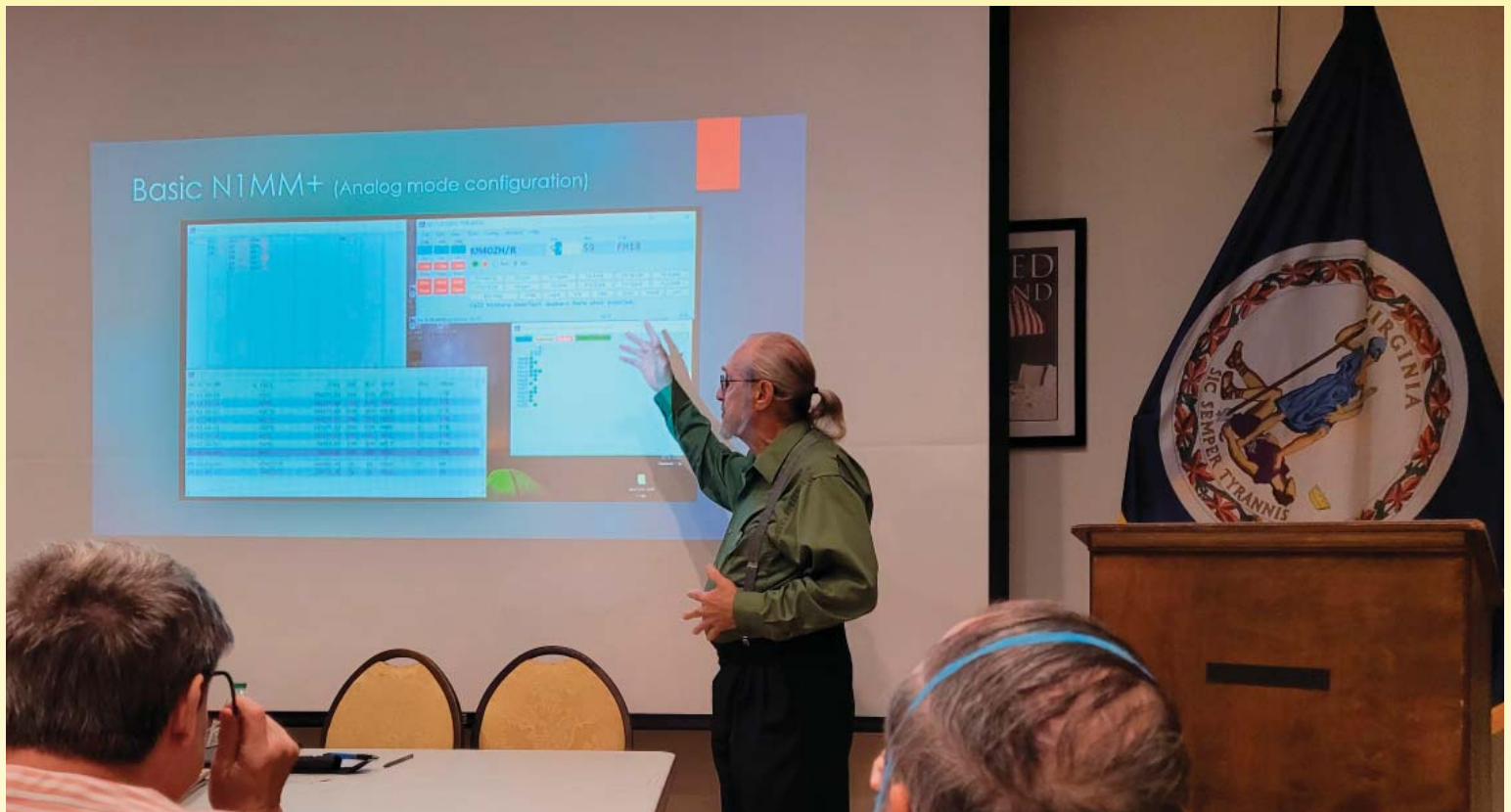
Sunday, October 30, 2022. Marine Corps Marathon event. OVH members will assist with communications again this year. Contact David / KG4GIY at kg4giy@gmail.com for more info.

Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Greater Manassas Christmas Parade for the 76th time. Keep this date on your calendar. The OVH will be participating again this year with coordination by George / K4GVT, email: george@k4gvt.com

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.

Some Possibly Interesting or Useful Information

The Internet Archive (at <https://archive.org>) is now expressly looking for amateur radio related materials for the new Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications (DLARC) there which will be an extensive online library of materials and collections on amateur radio and early digital communication related items. Thanks to a large funding grant from the Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) Foundation, the Internet Archive is creating this online digital library to tell a documented story. DLARC is seeking contributors of books, journals, documents, catalogs, manuals, videos, software, personal archives, local club newsletters and other historical collections related to amateur radio and early digital communications. This is true regardless of how big or small the items may be, obscure the stuff to be submitted may be. More info at <https://tinyurl.com/IntArchive-DLARC>



Above: Ron / K3FR presenting at the 9/21/2022 OVH Meeting

Below: The WAS - CW Award 10/5/2022 for John / KG4NXT

The ARRL **WAS** 

Worked All States Award

The American Radio Relay League recognizes that

John Heartney, KG4NXT

has confirmed two-way contact with Amateur Radio stations in all 50 states of the United States of America.

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 **K5UR**

ARRL President - Rick Roderick, K5UR



Above image from Sky Meadows Park,
Blue Ridge Mountains, 10/5/2022

Below: Al / KB4BHB and John / KG4NXT, POTA
activation at Mason Neck State Park, 10/10/2022

