

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

November 2023

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to All!

On November 4, 2023, the Ole Virginia Hams held a VE Session at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Clifton Campus. We had 7 candidates in total, 8 tests given as one gentleman took both the General Exam as well as his Extra. I am pleased to report that we had 6 new licenses or upgrades. I'd like to thank Lord of Life Church for once again allowing us space for our VE Sessions. The VEs who attended were: Al / KB4BHB; John / KG4NXT; Jay / NQ4T; David / KY4MM; Byron / AK4XR and yours truly, Ken / KN4DD.



Speaking of VE Sessions, John / KG4NXT has been our Coordinator for years now, and has been wanting to take a break. I am pleased to announce that Mark / WA4KFZ, will be taking over in that position for John starting January, 2024. A big thank you to John for leading us as VE Session Coordinator for many years now.

November 11th was Veterans Day. As you probably know, originally it was designated as Armistice Day in remembrance of World War I veterans. It has since evolved in the USA to honor ALL veterans of our military services. So, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our members who have served in the armed services, and also all who are currently defending, those who have served, and especially the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank You.

Now that November is once again seasonably cold, still somewhat on and off, the leaves are dropping or have already dropped. So, unless you ran your end fed antenna through

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Open - volunteer needed!

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Open - volunteer needed!

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some evergreens like I did, it would be easier to inspect any tree supported antennas you might have now. After that, you could deal with those leaves.

Our OVH breakfast will be this Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 8:00 AM at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Rd., Manassas, VA 20111. Pioneered by Byron / AK4XR, we get together every Saturday before our meetings at a table or two in the back of the Yorkshire Restaurant for some good food and good conversation. Hope to see you there.

Our next regular OVH monthly meeting will be on Tuesday evening (7:30 9:00 PM), November 21, 2023 at the usual place, in the Training Room at the Buckhall VFD Hall, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas, VA 20111. This will be the last official regular OVH meeting for 2023. Our December Holiday Party on December 10th will be our informal December monthly meeting. More below about that. So, no official business, just good times in December.

The 77th Greater Manassas Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10:00 AM in downtown Manassas. We still need some volunteer spotters. OVH will again be providing comms support for the parade and the club trailer will be a part of it! Theresa / KG4TVM has volunteers to help decorate the club trailer, Daniela and James / KQ4CAX will drive it around as the OVH's float is in that parade. If you are available to be a spotter and want to participate, please contact George / K4GVT via e-mail: george@k4gvt.com

The last event for the Holiday season will be, of course, the OVH's World Famous Holiday Party to be held again at the Yorkshire Restaurant on Sunday evening, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, on December 10, 2023. [Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Rd., Manassas, VA 20111.] We will gather on that Sunday evening for our informal meeting / year end OVH club party. For our new members, that means no regular monthly meeting in December. This year end party is a major club social event each year and family members are invited. Please plan to bring a covered pot-luck dish. Ham and turkey will be provided by the club. Hopefully John / KG4NXT will again make his venison chili for us. Bring your friends and family. And also bring an unwrapped gift (or two) for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. Theresa / KG4TVM is in charge as usual. The OVH will receive the toys collected and will make sure they get to the Toys for Tots campaign. If you can't make the party, please consider making a Toys for Tots donation where you are able. And so, a great time is guaranteed for all!

Also, a reminder to check in to the OVH's weekly Thursday night VHF/UHF FM repeater net at 8:00 PM local time every Thursday. Details for how to do that are on the OVH's web site at <https://w4ovh.net>. Checking in on that net is a great way to stay in touch with everyone.

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

73 Ken KN4DD



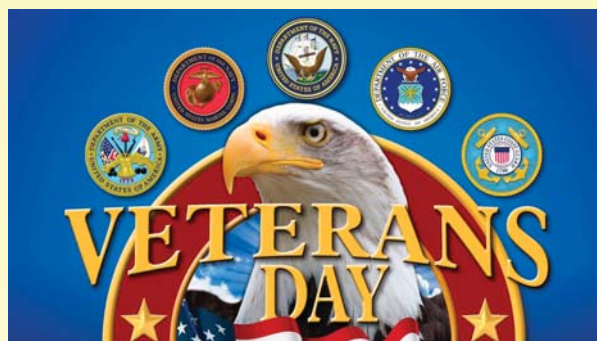
Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday wishes to our club members celebrating this November month: Wayne / N7QLK, Kevin / W4RKU, Baofang / KK4JFK, Theresa / KG4TVM, Butch / W4HJL, Greg / KM4CCG, Jeff / WB4TT, Charlie / WA4YGI, James / N5TE, James / KA4BOL, Paul / KO4GZR and Allan / no call.



Thank you to all our Veterans for your service.

Get well wishes going out to Wayne / N7QLK, who is celebrating his birthday with a new knee, hope your recovery goes smoothly.



Saturday, December 2, 2023 will be the annual City of Manassas Christmas Parade for the 77th time! The OVH once again will be supporting this event by providing radio communications at the judge's stand and along the parade route. If you can help, please contact George / K4GVT via email at george@k4gvt.com and he will get you the detailed information for the parade. Also, the OVH club trailer will be entered into the parade and James / KQ4CAX has volunteered to hook up the trailer to his vehicle and pull it thru the parade. If you can help with decorating the trailer, please reach out to Theresa at email: kg4tvm@hotmail.com. Thank you to George and James again for stepping up and taking on this event.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 will be again be our year end OVH Holiday Party from 6 pm to 8 pm at Yorkshire Restaurant. This is a family event and all are invited; please bring a covered dish to share. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Toys For Tots campaign.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our club members and their families.



NET NIGHT: Every Thursday at 8 PM, we have the club's weekly VHF/UHF FM radio net. Please join us, say hello and hear up-to-date information on club news. See W4OVH.NET web site for details. Having issues with your radio equipment or need help with anything ham radio? This is a great forum to ask questions and hear the latest news on current club events.

Please send me your news for the Sunshine Corner!

73 Theresa / KG4TVM kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Informal Meeting held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023:

OVH President' Ken / KN4DD. called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on October 17, 2023 at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station, Manassas in the usual meeting room.

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

Jeff / WB4TT and Gil / KM4OZH gave a presentation on their months long successful effort to raise a new 60 foot tower at Jeff's place.

The minutes of the September 19, 2023 OVH meeting were approved.

Ken / KN4DD read the emailed Treasurer's report from Don WA2SWX and it was approved.

Ken / KN4DD read the emailed membership report from Luther WA3FMO. There was one new read-in: Alex Filatov / No Call yet.

ARES report. No report this month.

Repeater report: Ken / KE2N advised that all systems are currently working. Ken registered one new DStar user on our system. There is a problem with an unmodulated signal keying up the 220 repeater which keys up the 146.970 repeater. Ken is monitoring this; he intends to add an I-gate APRS node to our Mount Pone site. Ken will pay for this out of his own pocket. Thank you Ken.

Training report: A VE Session will be held on November 4, 2023. Details at <https://w4ovh.net>

Tailgate report. The OVH needs a Tailgate chairman.

Field Day report: Chairman Cat / KM4PBD reported that we cannot reserve the Nokesville Park Pavilion until January. Butch / W4HJL offered to help once we are in the New Year.

Web committee report: Ken / KN4DD advised that some Russian attacks had been foiled by our web software. The repeating Chinese attacks had paused or stopped.

Sunshine report: Andrea / KI4SXM is stepping down and Theresa / KG4TVM will be taking over again. Thanks to Andrea for her work with that.

Ken / KN4DD won the 50/50 raffle and donated all of his winnings to the club.

Theresa / KG4TVM advised that OVH's year end Holiday party this year on December 10, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm at the Yorkshire Restaurant. More info later.

Old Business: None

New Business: There is a picture of Ina Nenninger receiving our club card after the last Mini-Tri event earlier this month.

The meeting was adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS, VE SESSIONS AND OVH CLUB EVENTS:

December 10, 2023 - Sunday - 6PM to 8PM. The OVH Year End Holiday Party to be held again at the Yorkshire Restaurant. Save the date for this, a major OVH Club social annual event, family and friends invited. Check out the OVH web site and elsewhere herein for more details.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

December 1 - 3, 2023, Friday evening through Sunday morning. The ARRL 160 Meter CW contest. Check out <http://arrl.org/160-meter> for details. This contest usually produces an activity peak for CW operators on the 160 meter band, and with careful planning, it is usually possible to make a trans-Atlantic contact.

December 17, 2023 - Sunday - Rookie Roundup which is a contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. This six-hour event is held three times per year (April, August and December). The December event is CW only. Rookies can contact anybody, while "Old Timers" make contact only with Rookies. See, <http://arrl.org/rookie-roundup> for more info.

The ARRL maintains a Contest web page at its web site at ARRL.org, 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. If you get the radio contesting bug or just want to find out and how much is going on - a lot is going on, these are very good places to look!

PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

December 2, 2023 - Saturday - 10 AM - The 77th Greater Manassas Christmas Parade, which the OVH will supporting with communications and also participating in as a Club event. Contact George / K4GVT [email: george@k4gvt.com], who is coordinating OVH's participation. Theresa / KG4TVB is looking for helpers to decorate the OVH trailer which will be a float. For more info about the parade, see <https://gmchristmasparade.org/parade>

Also check the online Calendar on the OVH's web site at 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 KG4GIY also appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Final End of the Tri-It-Now Mini-Triathlon Program in Manassas?

Sunday, October 15, 2023 ended the Tri It Now - Mini Triathlon program in Manassas. The energetic and enthusiastic leader of this group, Ina Nenner, owner and organizer of Tri It Now has retired at last. Ina has been living in Colorado and traveling back and forth between Colorado and Manassas for the last several years just to run this program and to be sure that the events go off without a hitch. If you ever wanted to see an energizer bunny in action, all you had to do was watch, or try to keep up with Ina.

Way back in 2014, Ina approached the OVH about providing radio communications

for the Mini Tri's. There were normally 5 to 6 events per year and they were all at the Freedom Center in Manassas. The OVH jumped at the chance to help out and was able to provide spotters and communications along the bike and run routes. We provided this support uninterrupted from 2014 until October 15th of this year.

We were able to staff these events with our club volunteers and once in a while we would recruit a few other hams in the area. There were usually anywhere from 5 to 10 volunteers at each event. If you were able to turn out to help, you could clearly see Ina's dedication to participants, as well as her appreciation that we were her eyes and ears on the course. The participants were also very grateful that we were out there, should they need assistance.

So, very best wishes to Ina on her retirement, she has definitely earned it. There was a little ceremony after the last race to celebrate Ina. The OVH provided a very large retirement card that was signed by many of our club members.

Many thanks also to Andy / KJ4MTP, who was OVH's chairman and coordinator on this event for many years. Andy stayed in touch with Ina to make sure we had accurate information on each event.

Andy also reached out for volunteers, provided the course maps and made positioning assignments. The latter, oftentimes on the fly, if volunteers were suddenly unavailable.



OVH member, Bill / AF4LL reports getting QSL cards from the same station in Sweden twice after working that station, in 1980 and again in 2023, 43 years apart!



Bill is an organized and alert "old timer" (40+ years as a ham) with a good memory to accomplish that!

Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club

Holiday Party
Sunday
December 10th
6 PM to 8 PM

Yorkshire Restaurant
7537 Centreville Rd, Manassas

Please bring a covered dish to share
Restaurant will provide drinks,
turkey and ham

Toys for Tots donations accepted
New, unwrapped toys please!

REMINDER



Yes, it is almost that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2024 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. Note: please check online at <https://w4ovh.net> for ways to do this renewal online.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" for 2024

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
ADDRESS: _____ 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 now **\$25.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2024. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$12.50. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or lower level [list school attended and grade or level: _____] are \$12.50.

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS: AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____
Name: _____ Call: _____
Name: _____ Call: _____

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