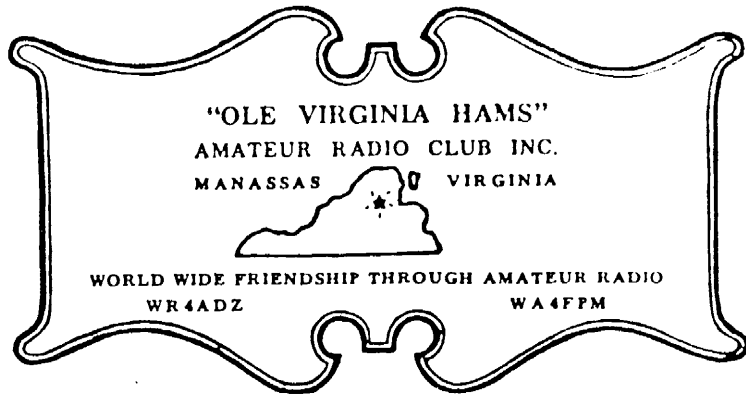


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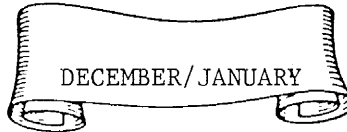
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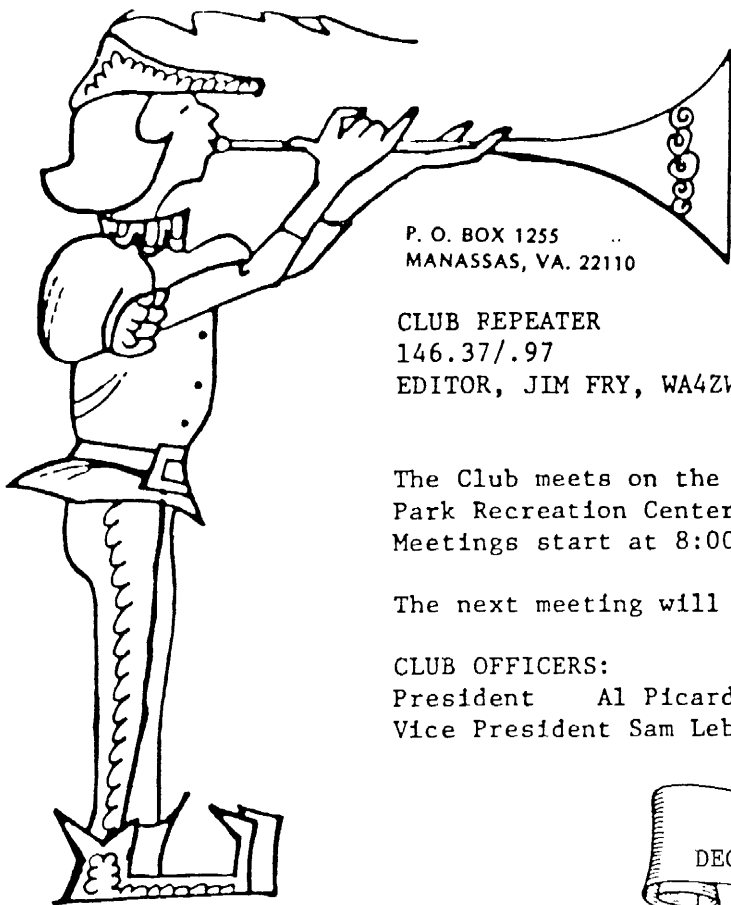
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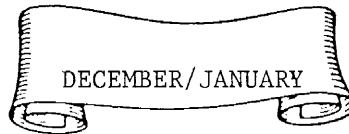
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I have accepted chairmanship of "Field Day 79" and expect to have some meetings before much longer. Must get the holidays over with. I hope we can have a very successful Field Day but the help of all of our members will be needed. I would like to get a very good score this year so all of our good testers, CW operators, etc. make plans to be with THE OVH FOR FIELD DAY. I will be contacting YOU for a commitment.....

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