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CLUB REPEATER
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The Club meets on the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month at the Manassas Park Recreation Center, on Old Centerville Rd, Manassas Park, Va. Meetings start at 8:00 PM and visitors are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 12.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Jay Watkins AC4N Secretary Steve Meade KB4OF
Vice President Herb Flummer W4PJP Treasurer Ed Fleming WD4AVU

As indicated above, the election of new officers has been accomplished, even if it was two weeks late and twice delayed due to Mother Nature. Let's all give our wholehearted support to the club and help keep the OLE VIRGINIA HAMS the fine club that it is. A word of appreciation needs to be put here to commend all of last years club officers on the fine job each one did.

Steve Meade KB4OF

The club has two new members; Jim Lascaris WA2QBJ active on 2mtrs and Thomas Graves W4FDW active on 80 mtrs - 450Mhz.



Congratulations are in order for Gary McGaughey WB4YBD, he upgraded from Tech to General on the 28th of February. A couple a call-sign changes; Tim WA4GVX to KB4NR and Steve WD4AZI to KB4OF. If you change your call-sign or QTH please get it to the club secretary.

Arrangements have been made with both the FCC and Prince William County Library (Central), for FCC field examinations to be held in the library, beginning at 9:00AM on Saturday, June 23, 1979. According to the letter from the FCC, ALL applications must be submitted via W4FVA. No other method is acceptable. Application form 610 and index card form 763 should be submitted to Harry W4PVA as soon as possible to be sure of making the FCC's test list. Please note that current FCC Regulations, Part 97, state that one must wait 30 days after failing an examination, before retaking the examination. Anyone intending to take advantage of this field examination **MUST** have that 30 day period before they are allowed to take another. Of course, earlier exams and upgrades are encouraged.

Following are proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc. The purpose of this proposal is to simplify the bookkeeping requirements of the secretary and treasurer, to re-define a quorum to better relate with the club's attendance characteristics, and to reflect these changes where applicable in the Constitution and Bylaws.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Art. I, Sect. 2: Change to read: "The membership of this club shall consist of four types."

Art. I, Sect. 2, Item 2: Change to read: "Active Members. Active members are those persons who are voted into the club subsequent to 1 April 1961."

Also, delete item 3 (Associate Member) and change items 4 and 5 to 3 and 4, respectively.

Art. II, Sect. 1, Item 2: Under qualifications for President, change the term "full member" to "active member" in the second sentence.

Art. II, Sect. 2, Item 2: Under qualifications for Vice-President, change the term "full member" to "active member" in the second sentence.

Art. II, Sect. 4, Item 1: Under qualifications for Treasurer, change the term "a member" to "an active member" in the first sentence.

Art. II, Sect. 6, Item 1: Change to read: "The Corporation Directors shall be active members of the club."

Art. III, Sect. 2: Change first part of first sentence to read: "Only members in good standing are eligible to vote on"

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaw 6: Change to read: "Dues shall be assessed at the rate of \$6.00 per year excluding honorary members. Additional members residing in the same household as a dues paying member may apply for a reduced rate of \$3.00 per year."

Bylaw 7: Change to read: "Dues shall become payable on 1 January of each year. As new members join and inactive members seek active member status during the year, dues will be assessed on a pro-rated basis."

Bylaw 8: Change to read: "A member who fails to pay his/her dues by 1 March shall be notified in writing by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall state that the said dues are two months in arrears and that if said dues are not paid during March, the member will be considered an inactive member."

Bylaw 11: Change to read: "A quorum shall consist of at least 25 members in good standing."

Our thanks to Curt Wann K4ITO for all the work he did to compile these amendments.

Hopefully, future issues of this newsletter will be up to the quality set by Jim Fry WA4ZWN. With only one week to get this one out it was rather rushed.

Jim McKinley WD4OJY is in DESPERATE need of a 300V center tapped transformer 6amp for a Knight-Kit external VFO. He also is looking for an article concerning an internal VFO for the Heath HW-16 published in QST sometime during the 60's.

There has been several attempts at forming a YL net on Monday nights other than on the meeting night of the club. Due to the club meeting having been postponed twice and rain causing the usual channel 7 mess on a third night and next Monday night will be another club meeting. So, hopefully on Monday night March 12th, another attempt will be made to hold the YL net, at 8:00PM. All YL's are urged to participate. The net is an effort to acquaint all of the YL's with each other. This is not for the exchange of technical information, but rather, to form friendships through discussions of whatever pleases you.

The subject of handling messages was presented in last month's newsletter, however a second look at the idea is worthwhile. Shortly after obtaining my Technician class license, I was contacted by a station on the 97 repeater if I would take a message destined for Manassas. My answer was yes and the exchange of the piece of traffic was underway. Before the other station began sending the traffic I had no doubt that I could handle it. However, sometime during the process, I discovered I had no idea of what a "check" was; what the devil "HXE" was, and especially what "ARL" stood for. I felt like some kind of a fool. Straight text was no problem, and addresses were a snap, but when they start throwing code words at you, what do you do? For myself, I started asking questions, reading different pamphlets concerning traffic handling, and the like. After becoming familiar with the basics, I listened in on some traffic nets and acquired an education. When and when not to check in, proper procedures throughout the rest of the net, and what have you.

What all of the above tries to get across to you is that if you don't know anything about handling formal pieces of traffic, ASK SOMEONE. Do something in order to have the basics down in the event that you may need to put it to use, especially in the event of an emergency situation when there is no time to learn.

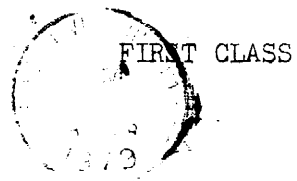
NAMES AND FREQUENCY OF VARIOUS VIRGINIA NETS

Va. Noontime Traffic Net	VNTN	3.907	Noon
Va. Sideband Net	VSNB	3.947	6:00 PM
Va. Slow Net	VSN	3.680	6:30 PM
Virginia Net	VN	3.680	7:00 PM
Virginia Net	VN	3.680	10:00 PM
Va. Sideband Net	VSNB	3.947	10:15 PM
Shenandoah Valley Emer. Net	SVEN	22/82	7:15 PM

One excellent source of information concerning the how-to's of traffic handling is the ARRL publication; AN INTRODUCTION TO: OPERATING AN AMATEUR RADIO STATION.

One last item for this issue. ARRL dues will be increasing by a whopping 50%. Yearly dues will go from \$12.00 to \$18.00, and Life membership goes from \$300.00 to \$450.00. If you are ever going to get a Life membership, it would seem that now is definitely the time to do it. Effective date for the increase is 1 April 1979.

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