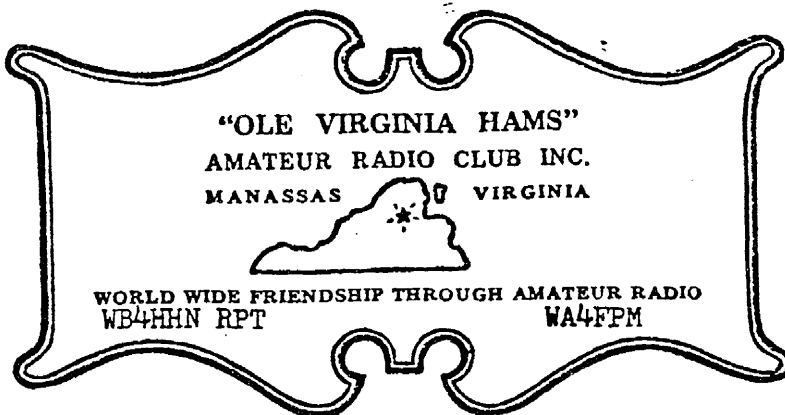


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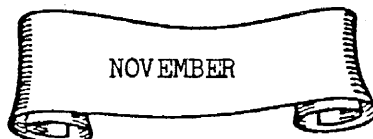
WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO
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The Club meets on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at the Manassas Park Recreation Center, on Old Centreville Rd, Manassas Park, Va. Meetings start at 8:00 PM and visitors are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 12 November 1979.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President Jay Watkins AC4N Secretary Steve Meade KB4OF
Vice President Herb Plummer W4PJP Treasurer Milt Warnock N4SN



The President Says:

Jay Watkins AC4N

Even though the information on this situation will hopefully be outdated by the time you read this, I want to let everybody know what is happening. Herb Plummer W4PJP and I were making measurements and shopping for building materials on the weekend before the Manassas City Council meeting. At that meeting, a petition from several unhappy neighbors was delivered. The City Council then approved a motion directing the Mayor to have someone look into finding a location that would satisfy the neighbors and OVH. We may be able to have the best of both worlds - Red Cross affiliation and a secure club station - if we can work out the details. Stay tuned to our thursday night repeater nets for updates.

THANKS ED

Last month, Ed Fleming WD4AVU, stepped down as Treasurer for the OVH. Ed had occupied that position for a year and a half, doing a very good job. Lately, his work schedule took many strange twists, taking up an inordinate amount of time. Ed felt that he was not able to give the job of Treasurer the time it needed. On behalf of the OVH, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the efforts Ed has expended on behalf of the club.

Steve Meade KB4OF

JANET

Janet Ahalt N4BEG, has been readmitted to Prince William Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family, and our hopes that she will soon be able to return home.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Starting with the December Ole Virginia Hams meeting, we will begin meeting regularly in the auditorium in the basement of the Prince William Electric Co-operative on Lomond Dr. We also will start meeting on a regular basis on the THIRD Monday of the month. The new location has better parking facilities as well as a much better meeting room. The entrance to the auditorium is on the left side of the building as you look at it from Lomond Drive. The door will open at 7:30 PM with the meeting still starting at 8:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Manassas City Christmas Parade will be held on December 1, 1979. The OVH will again assist the Manassas Jaycees by providing communications for the parade. In the past, the OVH has been commended for the excellent job we have been able to do. If you are interested, please contact Milt Warnock N4SN.

SCOPE

The club has bought a Leader 508 20MHz Dual Trace scope for use on the repeater and by active paid up members of the club for home projects on a strict 2 day loan period limit. When you sign out the scope, you take complete responsibility for it. Until we have a club station, the scope is being maintained at Milt Warnock N4SN's home.

ANTENNA CATALOG

Hustler, Inc. has announced the availability of a "new" 22-page mini-catalog featuring their complete line of amateur antennas. It includes models for 80 meters through 435 MHz.

Also featured is the all new Hustler commercial line of business band antennas with models for 30-50, 148-174, and 450-512 MHz.

A copy may be obtained through Hustler distributors, or write Sales Department at Hustler, Inc., 3275 North B Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

ALSO

A free catalog of books covering a wide range of subjects in electronics is available by writing Joseph Schaumburger, Parker Publishing Company, West Nyack, NY 10994. Enclose SASE.

BABY BOY

During October, the Butch Blasdell (W4HJL) family, welcomed a new member of the soccer and softball teams with the arrival of a healthy baby boy.

CROP WALK

On October 21, 1979 the Ole Virginia Hams provided communications for a "CROP WALK" sponsored by the Community Hunger and Clothing Appeals of Church World Service. This was a good example of public service that our club can provide, as is the upcoming parade.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is to all those club members who provide nothing but complaints, and take verbal pot-shots at nearly all of the members of the executive board at the drop of a hat. As a past member of the board, I gave up some of my time in order to help the club run it's matters. After awhile, I became sick and tired of certain members of the club who seemed only to have ridicule on their minds. I'm sad to see that it still exists, and mostly by the same individuals. When club members donate time to the club, by holding a position on the executive board or whatever, if those critical of the work accomplished, would provide some POSITIVE INPUT, everyone will benefit.

Past Member of the Board

MURPHY'S LAW FOR AMATEUR RADIO

- a) An important instruction manual or operating manual will have been discarded.
 - b) Original drawings will be mangled in the copying machine.
 - c) Any wire cut to length will be too short.
 - d) Identical units tested under identical conditions will not be identical in the field.
 - e) The availability of a component is inversely proportional to the need for that component.
 - f) If a project requires X components, there will be X -1 in the junk box.
 - g) If a particular resistance is needed, that value will not be available. Further, it cannot be developed with any available series or parallel combination.
 - h) A dropped tool will land where it can do the most damage. (Also known as the law of selective gravitation.)
 - i) A device selected at random from a group having 99% reliability, will be a member of the 1% group.
 - j) The probability of a component value being omitted from a plan or drawing is directly proportional to its importance.
 - k) Interchangeable parts won't.
 - l) Components that must not and cannot be assembled improperly will be.
 - m) If a circuit cannot fail, it will.
 - n) A fail-safe circuit will destroy others.
 - o) A transistor protected by a fast-acting fuse will protect the fuse by blowing first.
 - p) A self-starting oscillator won't.
 - q) A crystal oscillator will oscillate at the wrong frequency - if it oscillates.
 - r) A PNP transistor will be a NPN.
 - s) A failure will not appear till a unit has passed final inspection.
 - t) If an obviously defective component is replaced in an instrument with an intermittent fault, the fault will reappear after the instrument is returned to service.
 - u) After the last of the 16 mounting screws has been removed from an access cover, it will be discovered that the wrong access cover has been removed.
 - v) After an access cover has been secured by 16 hold-down screws, it will be discovered that the gasket has been omitted.
 - w) After a rig has been fully assembled, extra components will be found on the bench.
- (Worldradio, October 1979)

RESIGNATION

This newsletter will be the last one that I will be editing. Several weeks ago, after reflecting on many factors, I submitted my resignation as secretary to President Jay Watkins AC4N. During the past nine months, I have attempted to perform the job of secretary of the club to the best of my ability, and I have also tried to put out the best newsletter that I possibly could. I wish my replacement whoever it is the best of luck, and hope they receive all the help possible.

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