

"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

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WA4FPM

146.37/97

WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO

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NOVEMBER 1987 NEWSLETTER

On October 19th, 1987, the Meeting of the OVHAM was held at 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Community Center Building, 10323 Lomand Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

HIGHLIGHTS

Motion was made and Seconded to donate Christmas money of \$15.00 to the City of Manassas for the Community Center.

Randy (KA4UFF) asked for Volunteers to help at the 1987, Manassas Christmas Parade. Randy, whom I met at the 1988 Manassas Hamfest and Computer Fair, is looking for Volunteers to help out at the Hamfest, also.

Motion was made and Seconded to buy an updated copy of the book "The Manassas Library" to place in the Manassas Library.

A presentation was made by Nancy Draheim (NK4UJ) to the Outgoing QSL Bureau for the 4th Call Area. This was a very informative presentation.

A special wish from all of us to Vi Vorhauer, and her wife, for a speedy recovery from your recent surgery. We are soon feeling better.

**SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT
AMATEUR RADIO!!!**

GREATER MANASSAS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Theme: A Storybook Christmas
Date: 5th December, 1987 (Rain or Shine)
Time: Parade starts at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, December 5th, 1987, volunteers from the "Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club" will help with the Fourth Annual Manassas Christmas Parade. This popular event is scheduled to take place during rain or shine.

Over one hundred bands, clubs, organizations, and businesses participate in the parade, making it the largest in the Northern Virginia area. In the past, there has been live television and radio coverage and newspaper coverage.

If you would like to participate as a member of the OVH providing communications for the Parade, please contact Randy Moler (KA4UFF), OVH Christmas Parade Chairman.

--OVH PARADE INFORMATION--

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Division Motorized Vehicles Area
Mathis Avenue--For assignment of
Check Points
Check Points: 9:30 a.m.
Radio/Command Center Check: 10:00 a.m.
Parade: Starts at 10:30 a.m.

Note: Coffee and Donuts will be provided at the Command Center. Hope to see you there.

Randy Moler -- KA4UFF
1987 OVH Christmas Parade Chairman

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Are you involved in
public service?
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GENERAL INTEREST

SOLUTIONS WANTED:

Do you have a solution to operating radio equipment or computer that may benefit a member of our club? How about answers or unique approaches to everyday types of problems? Success stories, hints and tips can be shared via the newsletter. Write your favorites and send to Steve Frick (N4OGR), 246 Kent Drive, Manassas Park, VA 22111. (Original idea taken from "Worldradio" Year 17, Issue 2.)

FEDERAL JUDGE AFFIRMS VALIDITY OF PRB-1:

A federal judge, relying on PRB-1, has struck down a local zoning ordinance affecting an Amateur Radio antenna. Andrew B. Bodony, K2LE, brought suit to overturn denial by the village of Sands Point, New York, of his application for a building permit for an 86-foot tower.

District Judge Jacob Mishler found PRB-1 to be a proper exercise of FCC authority and found that the village was precluded from applying its 25-foot limitation on "accessory buildings" to Bodony's propose antenna.

This is the first time a local zoning ordinance has been declared invalid on the basis of PRB-1, and further strengthens the position of radio amateurs fighting unreasonable local ordinance. ("QST" November 1987 Issue)

LOSS OF THE 430 - 440 PORTION OF THE 420- 450 MHz AMATEUR BAND IS POSSIBLE DUE TO A MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL AT THE 1987 MOBILE RADIO WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE -- Sept. 14 - Oct. 16 meeting at Geneva Switzerland, "Mexico indicated that it had strong support from other Central and South American nations for the reallocation, and noted that even if it were turned down by the WARC body as a whole, Mexico might unilaterally make this reallocation". Michael Fitch, Chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau which oversees the Amateur Radio Service was Vice Chairman of the US delegation to the Mobile WARC. (Westlink Report, 10/02/87). (ARRL Letter, 09/24/87). (Auto-Call, Nov. 1987).

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FCC HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATIONS OF ITS 1987 ORDER EXPANDING THE PRIVILEGES AVAILABLE TO NOVICE OPERATORS (Docket No. 86-161, effective March 21-1987). -- Both expansion and reduction of the frequencies available to Novices was requested. (Auto-Call, Nov 1987.)

A COMPUTER NETWORKING CONFERENCE IN 1988 WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NEW FCC RULES FOR PACKET. -- At a 08/19/87 Conference meeting at Redondo Beach, CA, "...the main outcome was the formulation of a draft packet radio band plans for amateur frequencies above 420 MHz." (ARRL Letter, 09/24/87) (Auto-Call, Nov 1987.)

"THE ARRL HAS PETITIONED THE FCC TO FORBID VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS (VEs) WHOSE ACCREDITATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY A VEC FROM BECOMING A VE UNDER A DIFFERENT VEC". "The petition states that in a few instances, some VECs have noted irregularities in certain examination sessions, and it became necessary for the VECs to discontinue the accreditation of the VEs involved. However, there is no provision in the current rules to prevent these discredited VEs from applying for accreditation with another VEC, never mentioning the previous discreditation." (ARRL Letter, 09/24/87). (Auto-Call, Nov. 1987).



HELP HELP HELP

This Newsletter needs a name. Do you have any suggestions? If so, please contact the Newsletter Editor -- Steve Frick (N4OGR) by radio or phone--361-0008.

NOTE

The Newsletter needs Technical and/or Operating Articles. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

WARNING -- WARNING -- WARNING -- WARNING!!!!!!!

Amateur publications are asked to pass this information out immediately. Two recent incidents may have uncovered an important safety hazard. The first was an electrical worker who threw an uncovered electrical switch into a closed position that produced a short spark. The second involved a welder who flipped open his protective face shield to better position a welding rod. The rod contacted the metal and produced a spark. Nothing unusual so far BUT both men were wearing contact lenses.

On returning home, they each removed their contact lenses and the cornea of the eye was removed along with the lens. The result was instant and total blindness in each man's affected eye. Later investigation showed that in both cases the electric arc generated microwaves that dried up the fluid between the eye tissue and the contact lens and bonded the cornea to the lens. Unfortunately, the trauma is painless, so the individual never knows that an injury has occurred until he tries to remove the contact lenses.

Whether this has been reported to the Federal Safety and Health Agencies is not known. In the meantime, don't wear contact lenses IF you are subject to electrical sparking.

(This above information came from the West Coast ARC publication called "Intermod" ... seems urgent enough to be passed on to our members). ("The TSRAC BNT", November 1987 Issue.)

SHOP AND SWAP

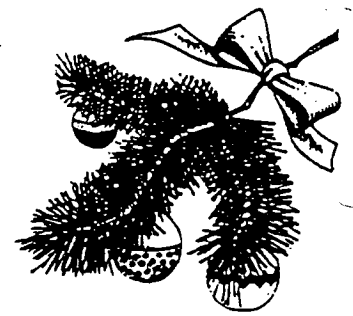
Kenwood R600 General Coverage Receiver and 500Hz CW Filter,
Eavesdropper SW Antenna -- \$335.00
Contact: Joe Tutino (KB4VHK) -- 369-5636

Radio Controlled Electric Car--RC-10--with Ball Bearings, Futba
Radio with 2 batteries, charger -- \$325.00. A Great Christmas
Gift. Contact: Joe Tutino (KB4VHK) -- 369-5636

Wanted: Kenwood TS530 or TS520 HF Rig. Contact: Steve
(N4OGR) -- 361-0008 or 690-6547.



WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO



COME ONE -- COME ALL

TO THE FIRST ANNUAL OVH CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1987

AT

KC's RESTAURNT
9411 Main Street
Manassas, Virginia

Conversation and Mingling Happy Hour: Starts at 8:00 pm

Dinner: 8:30 pm through 9:30 pm

Dancing: 9:30 pm through Whenever

Cost: \$5:00 per person **RESERVATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED ONLY**
(All proceeds from Reservations will be donated to a
Charitable cause at Christmas. Charitable cause will be
decided at next Meeting.)

RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER THE 11TH. This
Dinner and Dance are attendable only if we have your **RESERVATION**
by the 11th of December. Please send all Reservation Fees to
Bonnie Frick (N4QPB), 246 Kent Drive, Manassas Park, VA 22111.
Please, make sure you mail your Reservation Fee before the 11th.

Dress: Please make it **DRESSY**.

Parking: Is available in the parking lot of the New Manassas
City Hall which is next door to KC's.

KC's Resturant is across from the Old Towne Inn Motor Lodge,
Manassas. For more explicit directions, contact Steve (N4OGR) at
361-0008, or 690-6547.

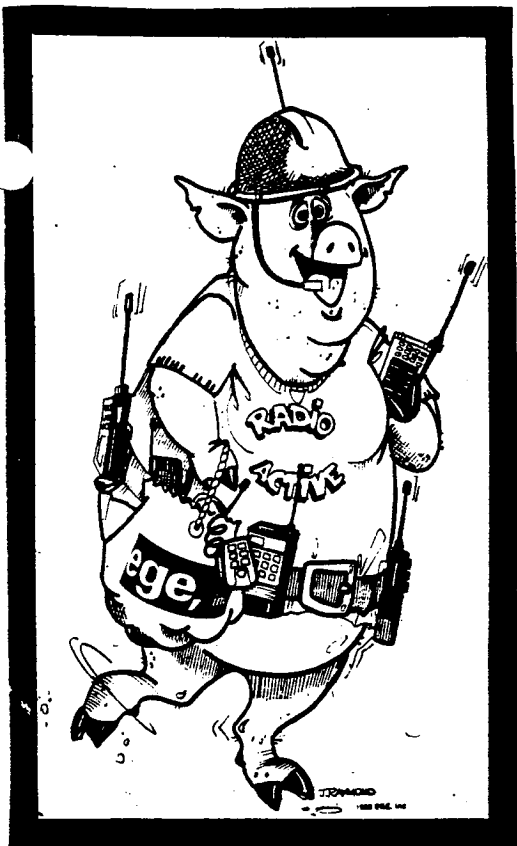
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

Make Reservations Now!

**** HAMFEST**

CALENDER **

- 1/88 -- Richmond Frostfest
Richmond, VA
- 2/21/88 -- Vienna Winterfesst
Vienna, VA
- 6/5/88 -- **MANASSAS HAMFEST AND
COMPUTER FAIR**
Volunteers Contact:
Randy (KA4UFF)



HAMFEST ADDICT

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VEC EXAMS

DATE:	PLACE:	CONTACT:
Nov 14th	Frederick, MD	Rick Ogden -- (301) 845-0684
Nov 14th	Portsmouth, VA	George Parsons, 4800 Manor Ave., Portsmouth, VA
Nov 15th	Baltimore, MD	Steve Silberman -- (301) 578-8527
Nov 21st	Manassas, VA	Harry Vorhauer (703) 368-5050
Nov 21st	Richmond, VA	Ron Boltoni (804) 798-5191
Dec 9th	U of MD Campus	Scott Rosenfeld -- (301) 586-4008
Dec 9th	Scranton, PA	Bob Chimel -- (717) 586-2596
Dec 12th	Woodbridge, VA	Don Ross -- (703) 944-7014
Dec 12th	Virginia Beach, VA	Tom Weikel, 433 W. Farmington Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Dec 12th	Salisbury, MD	John Rupprecht -- (301) 749-7444

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MSG#37 11/04/87 18:37:51 FROM N4SN TO ALL

Subject: Modify Your FT-727R

Bulletin ID: FT727R.MOD

I recently bought a new FT-727R from Yaesu. For those who were asking here is the modification for extended coverage. This will work for both the old and new CPU versions.

1. Remove the battery pack
2. Locate the RAM backup switch according to your manual (this will be the switch FARTHEST away from the battery terminals)
3. Turn the switch off, count to 4, then turn it back on
4. Replace the battery pack
5. Turn the rig on. The readout should be entirely blank. If it is not, you probably did not wait long enough before turning the switch back ON, so repeat the above procedure.
6. Type in the following: " 001111 "

The rig should now come to life. You will have to reprogram all the memories as well as the repeater splits for both bands. The display will now cover 100-199, 400-499MHz, but it obviously won't work over this range. Mine covers 139-160, 420-460. The reset CODE WILL BE "007777"

(I HAVEN'T TRIED IT).

GOOD LUCK

TIM PALAN VE306Z

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OVHRC will be held on Monday night, December 21st, 1987, at 8:00 pm, in the NOVEC Building. Please use the side basement entrance.

Please note, there will be no meeting in the month of November. So, please try to be at December's meeting.

