



# Ole Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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## APRIL 1988 ISSUE

### March Meeting Notes:

On March 21st, 1988, the meeting of the OVHARC was called to Order at 8:00 pm, in the Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op Building, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

A New FAR Representative was chosen. Don Hammond (N4PYJ) is now the new Rep. We look forward to seeing his articles in the **Auto Call**.

### We have a new Historian!

Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV) has not only agreed to be our new Historian, but also to fill the vacant position of Publicity Chairman. If you have any historical or hysterical items for the Club please let Gregg know.

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### Scholarships:

Mike (N4FS) sent letters regarding our Scholarships, along with applications, to the five Senior High Schools located in western Prince William County.

This year we are offering one Scholarship for \$1000.00 and two other Scholarships for \$500.00 each. For more information, contact the Scholarship Chairman, Mike (N4FS).

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Michael Graham (N4QQF)  
Rick Ellis (KC5XS)  
Craig Thompson (WA3UFY)  
John Wadden (W3MHH)  
Patrice Casselman (KB4OMD)  
Michael Hawley (No Call)

**WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME!!!!!!**

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### Note from the Editor:

We have raffle tickets from the Triple States Radio Amateur Club (TSRAC) 10th Annual Hamfest on Sunday, July 17th, 1988, Wheeling Park, Wheeling, West Virginia. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. They have 10 major awards and boy are they nice. If interested, contact Steve (N4OGR) or Bonnie (N4QPB).

● Listen to the Westlink Report at 8:00 pm Thursday Evenings during the OVH Weekly Bulletin. ●

## CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### **Directors:**

Bob McCann (N4RL)  
Tim Wayne (KB4NR)  
Mike Feher (N4FS)  
Jeff Noel (K4ZKU)

### **Officers:**

President -- Ed Stalder (KC4YY)  
Vice President -- Joe Tutino (KB4VHK)  
Secretary -- Randy Moler (KA4UFF)  
Treasurer -- Steve Frick (N4OGR)

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Art Whittum (W1CRO)

### **OVH Weekly Net:**

Harry Vorhauer (W4PVA)

### **Emergency Coordinator:**

Harry Vorhauer (W4PVA)

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Art Whittum (W1CRO)  
Tim Wayne (KB4NR)  
Milt Warnock (N4SN)  
Jim Lascaris (WA2QEJ)  
Steve Meade (KB4OF)  
Russ Stevens (WB4HHN)  
Butch Blasdell (W4HJL)  
Mary Lou Blasdell (KB4EFP)  
Jack Gunsett (KI4VP)--Digipeater

### **Technical Committee:**

Butch Blasdell (W4HJL)  
Jim Lascaris (WA2QEJ)  
Tim Wayne (KB4NR)  
Bob McCann (N4RL)

### **Refreshments:**

Mary Lou Blasdell (KB4EFP)

### **Sunshine Chairperson:**

Bernice Miller (KA4SCA)

### **Field Day:**

1988 Curt Wann (K4ITO)

### **Program Chairman:**

Open

### **Club Newsletter:**

Steve Frick (N4OGR)  
Bonnie Frick (N4QPB)

### **Historian:**

Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV)

### **Publicity Chairman:**

Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV)

### **F.A.R. Representative:**

Don Hammond (N4PYJ)

### **1988 Hamfest**

Randy Moler (KA4UFF)

### **Generators:**

Tom Watts (KA4FU)

### **Computer Committee:**

Dick Miller (WD4AZG)  
Milt Warnock (N4SN)  
Tim Wayne (KB4NR)

### **Membership:**

Ken Moan (N4NLO)

### **Scholarships:**

Mike Feher (N4FS)

### **Westlink Report:**

### **Mail List:**

Dick Miller (WD4AZG)

### **Club Picnic:**

Bernice Miller (KA4SCA)  
Mary Lou Blasdell (KB4EFP)

Jack Gunsett (KI4VP)

### **Educational Committee:**

Bob McCann (N4RL)

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The Editor

**WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO**

### The Value of a Smile:

It costs nothing, but creates much.  
It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give.  
It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.  
It cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, but it is of no earthly good to anyone unless it is given away.  
So, if in your hurry you run across someone so weary to smile, leave one of yours.  
No one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.

Anon.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENTS SHACK

For several months, I have been considering writing a column for the Newsletter. In spite of good intentions, I have procrastinated, using as an excuse the fact that there were always other important tasks to be done. Well, I finally set aside a few moments to write the column, and will continue to do so in the coming months. Incidentally, a phone call last night from Steve (N4OGR) helped me get started. You all know how tough it is to say no to Steve.

As I told you when I accepted the position as President of Ole Virginia Hams, I had many reservations. Having lived in the community for only five years and being a member of the Club for the same period of time, I felt there were others more deserving,

and more qualified. However, one thing influenced my decision to accept. That is the number of members of the Club who are active in the various club endeavors, and who do so willingly, competently, and with the expenditure of a large amount of time.

Well, we have a lot of busy times coming up soon. Randy (KA4UFF) is moving right along with planning for the **HAMFEST** on June 5th, assisted ably by several committee chairpersons. At the next meeting (April) he will be asking for additional volunteers for the various tasks which need to be done at the Hamfest. We would like to get everyone involved, including new Club members. And, of course, we need a large crew for Saturday, June 4th, to get the buildings and grounds ready. See you all there.

It is a pleasure to note the number of new members joining our Club. Let's make them feel welcome. Take time before the meeting or during the break to shake their hand, say hello, and tell them about the club and yourself. If they come to feel they are wanted, they will become longtime, active members. Otherwise, they will feel they are not wanted, and will probably drop out, or at least stop attending meetings.

See you at the next meeting.

Ed (KC4YY)

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# "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

I. Message from the American Red Cross, Prince William Chapter:

3-24-88

Dear Club Members,

Thank you for your generous donation to Red Cross. We appreciate your support & friendship.

I also enjoy your Newsletter each time. Thank you.

Gerry Tran  
Executive Director

P.S. Keep up your good work, also!

II. We do encourage letters to the Editors, but, we do ask that they be signed. Under no circumstances will we re-print an unsigned letter. This decision was reached after receiving an unsigned letter which we felt was not appropriate for the newsletter. This letter will be available for all to read at the April meeting.

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### Swap & Shop:

The Ultimate of 10 Meter antennas! First place US FIRST CALL DISTRICT 10 MTR SSB Contest! A time proven performer. FOUR ELEMENT MONO-BAND QUAD - 20 FT BOOM-- \$75.00 or Trade for Heathkit HP23A AC Pwr Supply.  
Contact: Ro Spooner (WB4NWX)  
594-2812  
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1. KLM UHF Amplifier for 432 MHz -- 15 watts in 40 watts out--Best Offer

2. Microwave Module--2 meter to 70 cm transverter--Best Offer  
Contact: Ken (N4NLO) 369-5287

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1. Wilson Mark II 2 Meter Hand Held. Xtal Control E/W 146.52, 79, 91, 94, 147.15, 1 watt low - 2.5 watts high. T-T Pad.  
Speaker Mike. Leather Case.

2. Santec St 7-T 440 MHz Hand Held.  
Thumb Wheel Tuning. 16 Key T-T Pad.  
200 MW low, 1 watt Med. 3 watts High. Priority Channel (446.000 MHz). Extra Battery Pack. External Charging Adapter for Battery Pack.  
Leather Case With Shoulder Strap.

3. Tokyo High Power HL-20U. 440 MHz amplifier FM/SSB. 1 watt in - 10 watts out. Up to 3 watts input - 25 watts out.  
Contact: Clarence Holland (N4ALM) at 703-378-6951--Evenings.

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### Letter from the Newsletter Typist!

Well, another month and another newsletter about to be completed as I write this. I just wanted to make sure you ALL know how tough it is to sit down and pound out a newsletter with LITTLE OR NO INPUT from YOU the members.

Just finding trivial articles and constantly listening for those of you with things to

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

# MANASSAS

Just finding trivial articles and constantly listening for those of you with things to sell is very time consuming. The "Swap and Shop" has become very active and most of the items are sold very fast. And to place a for sale or wanted ad is FREE. How can anyone beat that price?



# HAMFEST

Not one of you has come up with a modification for a rig you want to share? A problem with TVI you solved? A change in class of license, address or phone number you want to pass along? No one has any birthdays? No one is getting married? No one has had any children?

AND COMPUTER SHOW  
AN ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST

Sunday, June 5, 1988

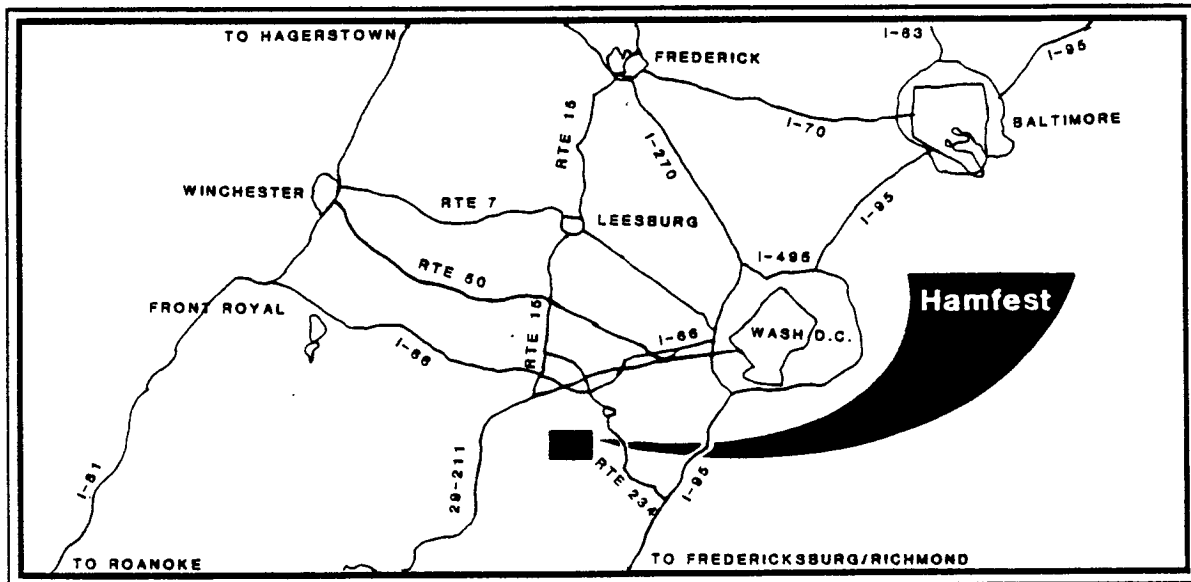
We are more than a club, we are a family, let's all keep in touch. And no better way to do it than YOUR newsletter.

If I had more input from you, I would not be sitting here writing this just to fill the last space in the last column. Let me hear from you.



Bonnie (N4QPB)

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF MANASSAS  
ON ROUTE 234, TALK IN ON 146.37/97 REPEATER AND 146.52 SIMPLEX



# Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

# 343 To: ALL From: WB4QOJ Date: 08-Apr/0630  
Subject: NEW FCC UPDATE PART 97.  
Origin ID: W5YI.APR

RECEIVED VIA PACKET FROM AMATEUR WORLD LAN/LINE BBS  
FCC Part 97 rule changes regarding emission designators

: Paul Carreiro [N6HCS]

: Tue Apr 05 21:32:49 1988

In addition to the changes listed in the previous bbs post, the FCC proposes to change the emission designators currently in use. The current system of designators was adopted from WARC-79. It has over a thousand different ITU recognized emission designator combinations, only a small portion of which we use in amateur radio.

It had the undesirable side effect of eliminating certain types of privileges that amateurs used to have.

One of the most glaring concerned Al, Morse Code. There are many different designators for CW ... such as telegraphy received by ear, telegraphy received by machine, ...and so forth. You have all of these different designators covering various types of keyed telegraphy. It was never our intention of outlawing any of them. Unfortunately the new designators had that effect since each is very specific.", said Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, (editor of QST and author of a working paper on Designations of Emissions in the Amateur Service.

The new designators proposed by the FCC eliminate the large number in the current system with only 9. They are as follows:

CW single channel amplitude-shift-keyed telegraphy in International Morse Code for aural or automatic reception.

MCW single channel modulated tone telegraphy emissions in International Morse Code for aural or automatic reception.

PHONE telephony/voice emissions.

IMAGE single channel emissions for television and facsimile, etc.

RTTY single channel emissions for narrow-band direct printing.

DATA digital data including packet.

PULSE pulse emissions.

SS spread spectrum emissions.

TEST emissions containing no modulation or information used for on air transmitter adjustment, two-tone amplifier linearity testing, antenna measurement, direction finding, ranging, etc.

Keep in mind that these changes are still in the proposal stage and will not be signed into "law" until proper public comment has taken place.

What do you guys think of these changes?? Put your comments in the "AG CHEWS" SUB-BOARD... Not HERE!!!

This information was taken from the W5YI Report dated April 1, 1988.

's Paul

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RECEIVED BY WB4QOJ TAKEN FROM THE LANDLINE BBS AMATEUR WORLD BBS

Remember, we are always looking for interesting items for the Newsletter. If you see or know of articles, shack tips, items for sale or wanted, brain teasers, etc., please send them to the Newsletter Editor, c/o Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110, or give us a landline (361-0008 or 690-6547). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others.



Steve (N4OGR)

# MANASSAS HAMFEST

Sunday, June 5, 1988

CALENDER FOR ARPIL & MAY						
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- NOTES:**
1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.
  2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.440.

Now is the time for all OVH Members to come to the aid of their club. Sign up to be on one of the committees for the Hamfest. Dont' wait for Randy to ask you! He is very busy, very, very, very, busy. So, give Randy a call and volunteer. **The Hamfest is only SEVEN weeks away.** Help make this the best Hamfest-Computer fair ever!!!!!!!!!!!!

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the OVARC will be held on Monday night, April 18th, 1988, at 8:00 pm, in the NOVEC Building. Please use the side basement entrance. This is going to be a **SPECIAL** evening (fun, games, and interesting conversation), so lets all turn out! Hope to See YOU.

Make a difference—  
**VOLUNTEER**

**SPRING HAS ARRIVED**

**APRIL**

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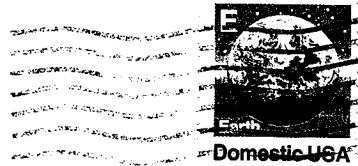
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