



# Ole Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



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

At the upcoming meeting there will be preliminary data concerning our just past Hamfest. For now, the weather was terrific and we had a great turnout, approximately 2950 people attended, not counting workers and commercial vendors. I think most everybody had a good time and things went very smoothly except for a surprise visit from the Virginia State Tax personnel. A financial report should be ready and available for review at the next meeting.

Also, at the next meeting, upcoming exam results will be available.

Another subject for this next meeting is Field Day, which will be Saturday and Sunday, June 25th and 26th. Kurt, K4ITO, Field Day Chairman, asked me to relay this:

The site for Field Day this year will be at Skip Justice's, W4NFQ, Q.T.H. Directions and more info will be provided further along in the Newsletter.

Setup starts at 9:00 am Saturday. Field Day runs for 24 hours (from 2:00 pm Saturday to 2:00 pm Sunday). Please bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, headphones, your favorite keyer, lanterns, fold-up tables, etc. Kurt said we will need people to set up antennas, someone good with a sling shot or bow and arrow. We will also need 3 or 4 people to help Tommy, KA4AFU, load and unload the generators; people to bring antennas, ice, sodas, coffee, other refreshments, ice chests and coolers. There will be 3 transmitters in use (1 novice & 2 HF). There may also be a packet station and a 2M Sideband.

Depending on the weather, we may have a BBQ Saturday night. For more information, contact Kurt, K4ITO. This should be a lot of fun, we will be there, how about you? Also see the May Issue of QST for Field Day Rules and Regulations.

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

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The Editor

WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO

# MANASSAS HAMFEST

June 12, 1988

## 1988 MANASSAS HAMFEST REPORT

The 1988 Manassas Hamfest was held on June 5, 1988 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. The weather for the event was perfect: clear skies, light wind with the temperature in the mid 70's.

Our best estimate for the Hamfest as to general admission is in the range of 3000 plus. General admission tickets will be audited soon in addition to the tailgater tickets.

As to the commercial vendors, we again filled both buildings to overflowing. A word of thanks to Joe K4FPT and Jack KI4VP for a fine job of placing all the vendors in the commercial buildings. A special thanks to Jack KI4VP for stepping in at the last moment when Joe K4FPT had to leave before the Hamfest started.

The treasurer's initial report shows we did well...even with increased expenses. A final report will be presented at the next O.V.H meeting.

In looking over the past Hamfests of 1986 and 1987 data, it appears there is slight growth in the general admission area with the commercial vendors and tailgaters remaining about the same. The best news is: The 1988 Manassas Hamfest was a success, and the Ole Virginia Hams A.R.C. was again promoting and advancing Amateur Radio.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for helping to make the 1988 Manassas Hamfest a success, without your dedicated help there would not be a Manassas Hamfest. From chairman to helper, from setup crew to take-down crew, everyone took part to see that this O.V.H. Club Hamfest was a success.

Randy Moler KA4UFF  
1988 Manassas  
Hamfest Chairman



# OLE VIRGINIA HAMS

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK:**

Another Manassas Hamfest has come and gone, and I am certain those who worked tirelessly Saturday or Sunday (or both days) to make the event a success are happy to relax this week. Tradition is that we never have bad weather, and this year was no exception. In fact, the weather was great; not even hot. Initial reports show gross receipts were high. Most vendors were complementary. Feedback from attendees was positive. The only thing left is to spend some time in critical review. What things went well? What things caused a problem? What can we do to assure that next year the Hamfest will be bigger and better? Give us your ideas for consideration. They will not be ignored, and will be implemented if meritorious. Once again, thanks to everyone.

Field Day is next, and soon. I hope the weather is as nice as it was at the Hamfest, but see you there rain or shine.

Ed (KC4YY)

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## **Harmonics from the Editor:**

The **Ole Virginia Times** is in need of someone to help with articles for the Newsletter. Needed are:

AMSAT  
Special Events & Contests

If anyone could help us with these, please contact either Bonnie (N4QPB) or Steve (N4OGR) at the meeting or on a land-line.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Gus Stoppa (N4MLE)  
Vincent Trobbiani (KA9KUJ)  
Frank Roesch (KA9VSU)  
Rick Savia (WD4GZB)

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## **CONGRADULATIONS TO NEW ADDITIONS:**

Welcome to Jeffrey Lewis Stoppa born on May 17th, 1988, to Gus (N4MLE) and wife.

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## **HOSPITAL REPORT:**

Al Picard (K4IQH) is again in Fairfax Hospital for surgery. From the Newsletter staff, we extend to him and his family our prayers for a safe and speedy recovery.

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Memo from  
Harry Vorhauer

OVH will sponsor VEC Exams Saturday, June 18, 1988, at the NOVA Community College on Route 234 between Route 66 and Route 29, in Room MS001. Exams start at 8:30, so please be there early. Pre-registration will assure a seat, while walk-ins will be accepted as long as the supply of forms hold-out.

Please bring your license and a photo-copy of it along with a check for \$4.55 made out to ARRL/VEC.

Code and written tests are administered as they are received by mail from ARRL.

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

## GENERAL INTEREST:

The FCC, together with the Electronics Industries Association (EIA), has published a new pamphlet "Consumers Should Know Something About Interference." This easy-to-understand pamphlet contains step-by-step methods of understanding and resolving interference problems. For copies, write the FCC Public Service Division, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554. (ARRL Letter, 4/22/88 /AUTO-CALL, June 1988).

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## RECIPS NOW SIGN US PREFIX FIRST:

The FCC has granted a petition by ARRL to amend section 97.313, which governs station identification by foreign operators using reciprocal permits.

Under the new rule, alien amateurs operating in the US with reciprocal permits must now place their US prefix first, followed by their call sign. For example, "W4/DL6TJ" instead of "DL6TJ/W4".

The ARRL's request was based on an International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) resolution (ARRL Letter Vol.6 No. 5 March 10, 1987) to standardize identification. Other countries such as the UK, France, West Germany and Switzerland have already implemented the proposal. (ARRL Letter, 5/23/88.)

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## HURRAY AGAIN FOR PRB 1:

Amateurs in Newport Beach, CA, can now put up antennas as high as 75 feet and all due to PRB 1, the FCC preemption order. After nearly 3 years of discussion, the city council there voted unanimously to accept the new ordinance and cited PRB 1 as being instrumental in making the vote unanimous.

## US POSTAGE INCREASE AFFECTS MAIL TO CANADA:

Everyone is aware that the US increased its postage rates from 22 cents to 25 cents for First Class mail on April 3. However, what you may not be aware of is that the rates for letters to Canada are no longer the same postages as domestic mail. It now costs 30 cents to send a First Class letter to Canada from the US, and if you are sending a QSL card, it will now cost you 21 cents if it is bound for North of the border.

The rate for letters and cards sent to Mexico remains the same: 25 cents for letters and 15 cents for postcards. (ARRL Letter, 5/23/88.)

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## THINK BEFORE YOU BUY "USED" GEAR:

There are potential problems involved in the buying and selling of used radio equipment that hams should remain aware of.

There is a reported case of a ham being arrested for possession of "stolen" equipment after having innocently purchased a piece of "surplus" commercial radio equipment for conversion and use on the amateur bands. Beware of future implications when dealing for that piece of "surplus" equipment -- you may face felony charges for possession of stolen property, not to mention the loss of the equipment without any reimbursement to you.

Purchasing your surplus equipment from someone you know, or better yet, from a reputable dealer, is the best way to protect yourself from obtaining equipment of "questionable origin." (ARRL Letter, 5/23/88.)

**"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"**

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Are you involved in  
public service?  
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**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

On May 21 & 22, Prince William Hams, as well as hams from around the area, participated in the Multiple Schleiiosis 150K "Bike A Way". The Hams provided communications, at various check points along the way, for the approximate 500 Bikers. The start was at the Vienna Community Center; lunch was provided along the way at one of the many check points. Saturday night was spent under the Stars at Camp High Roads where the bikers, as well as the Hams, had a fantastic dinner and later, a LARGE fire to roast marshmallows over.

On Sunday morning, the bikers left early (after breakfast at first light) and finished their ride at Harpers Ferry, WV, where a big picnic was waiting.

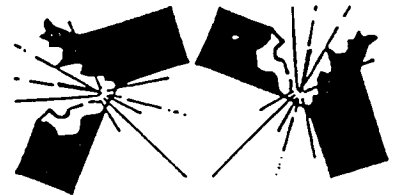
In all, there was only one minor injury which needed hospital care. But there were plenty of flats and various other break downs. There were also several bikers who, on Saturday, just could not finish the ride to Camp High Roads, due to tiredness, cramps, etc., and needed to be transferred from the check point to Camp High Roads. This was accomplished by use of the Hams stationed at each check point. The Hams relayed the info to Net Control which arranged for pickup of the biker(s). The 146.79 Repeater was used Saturday morning until 12:00 when Net Control was then switched to the 147.30 Repeater for the remainder of the event.

Steve (N4OGR) & Bonnie (N4QPB)

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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)



**What is Amateur Radio?**

Amateur Radio, also known as "ham radio," is communicating. Hams, who must be licensed by their governments, operate two-way equipment from their homes and cars. They communicate with other hams across town or across the world on special sets of radio frequencies, or bands, that are set aside for Amateur Radio use.

**Who are hams?**

Just about anyone can be a ham—there are no age limits. Many people with disabilities find a door to the world in Amateur Radio. Some famous people are hams, but most are just people from all walks of life who like making new friends around the world.

**How can I become a ham?**

Getting a ham radio license is easier than you may think. In the US, the Novice (beginner's) license requires only passing a 30-question written exam on basic electronic theory and FCC rules and regulations, along with copying and sending Morse code at five words per minute.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) offers a wide variety of information for persons interested in radio communication. We can also provide you with a list of clubs and instructors in your area. Many local Amateur Radio clubs offer licensing courses several times a year.



For a prospective ham packet, contact the  
ARRL, Dept Q, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, tel 203-666-1541.

AUTO-CALL

# Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## "HAM-BURGLARS":

Now that warm weather has arrived and summer is about to begin, many hams and their families will be gone for vacations and weekend outings. We would like to remind you to be careful about announcing your plans on the air when you are going to be away. Also, please be careful about announcing someone else's plans to go away, such as: "Hey Charlie! I hear you guys are going to be in Las Vegas next week. Be sure to have a good time, ya hear?"

Last month, we read in the local paper that an Aurora family lost about \$5,000 of belongings to burglars and among the items listed was a \$650 ham radio. (Fox River Radio League, Aurora, IL and Worldradio, May 1988 Issue.)

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HISTORIAN / PUBLICITY  
LOOKING FOR ANY INTERESTING  
INFORMATION FROM OUR CLUB'S  
PAST. OLD PICTURES OF GUYS,  
AND GALS OLD ROSTERS AND THE  
LIKE. ANY INFORMATION THAT  
SHOULD SENT TO THE PRESS FOR  
THE BENEFIT OF OUR CLUB  
PLEASE MAIL TO THE ADDRESS  
ON THE FRONT OF "OLE  
VIRGINIA TIMES". THANKS, FROM  
THE HIS/PUB CHAIRMAN, GREG  
N4RKV



## Official SWOT Nets

| Day | UTC  | Std.   | Area            | Net name        | Freq.   | Net controls   |
|-----|------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Sun | 1500 | 10:00A | Long Island     | East Coast      | 144.250 | WA2SLY WA2FXB  |
| Sun | 1530 | 8:30A  | Tucson AZ       | Arizona SWOT    | 144.300 | W5DXN/7        |
| Sun | 0300 | 9:00P  | Twin Cities     | Minnesota SWOT  | 144.250 | W0KRX          |
| Sun | 0245 | 8:45P  | MD to OH        | Activity Group  | 144.170 | W3WN Doc       |
| Sun | 0330 | 7:30P  | Southern CA     | SOCAL SWOT      | 144.250 | WB6NOA KP6ZB   |
| Mon | 0300 | 8:00   | Ft. Carson CO   | Colorado SWOT   | 144.200 | NL7CO/0        |
| Mon | 0330 | 7:30P  | Stevensville MT | MT-ID-WA        | 144.110 | W7HAH          |
| Tue | 0045 | 8:45P  | MD to OH        | Activity Group  | 144.170 | W3WN Doc       |
| Tue | 2300 | 9:00P  | Anchorage       | Alaska SWOT     | 144.200 | NL7FM          |
| Tue | 0230 | 8:30P  | Southern IL     | Little Egypt    | 144.250 | KA9HDZ KB9SG   |
| Tue | 0300 | 9:00P  | Texas Panhandle | Panhandle SWOT  | 144.210 | K5IS Jerome    |
| Tue | 0400 | 8:00P  | North Counties  | NORCAL SWOT     | 144.250 | WD6CHL Vern    |
| Wed | 0100 | 8:00P  | Cleveland OH    | N.Cent.States   | 144.255 | K8RAQ WD8PKQ   |
| Wed | 0200 | 8:00P  | Iowa-Illinois   | Tri-State SWOT  | 144.250 | WB9WMM N9CXO   |
| Wed | 0200 | 9:00P  | East PA-NJ      | Delaware Valley | 144.250 | WB2BJH KA3KHZ  |
| Wed | 0300 | 9:00P  | North Texas     | HDQRTRS SWOT    | 144.250 | WD5DJT KA5NGG  |
| Wed | 0200 | 8:00P  | Chicago-Ind.    | INDY SWOT       | 144.250 | KA9EJJ         |
| Thu | 0400 | 8:00P  | South Counties  | NORCAL SWOT     | 144.250 | N6EIO          |
| Fri | 0245 | 8:45P  | MD to OH        | Activity Group  | 144.170 | W3WN Doc       |
| Fri | 0400 | 9:30P  | Great Lakes     | Michigan SWOT   | 144.250 | WB0WAO/8 N8CGY |
| Sat | 1300 | 7:00A  | North Texas     | HDQRTRS SWOT    | 144.250 | WA5DBY N5CTE   |

Sidewinders On Two (SWOT) net schedule. National VHF/UHF "activity" nights include: Monday—2M, on 144.2 MHz (SSB). This is a U.S.-wide event to further our knowledge of 2M propagation and increase 2M activity.

# SWAP & SHOP

YAESU 2 METER FT-209RH HANDIE  
TALKIE FOR \$225.00. 70CM (440)  
FT709RH HANDIE TALKIE \$250.00.  
LOOKING FOR A YAESU FT727R.  
WILL BUY OR MAKE A DEAL ON  
TRADE. ALSO LOOKING FOR A  
PACKET CONTROLLER, CHEAP! FOR  
A DEDICATED RIG.

NEED DOCUMENTATION FOR HW-202  
HEATHKIT 2 METER XTAL SET.  
CALL GREG METRO# 690-5949 EVE.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the OVARC will be held on Monday night, June 20th, 1988, at 8:00 pm. Please use the side basement entrance. **REMEMBER:** this is the final meeting before Field Day. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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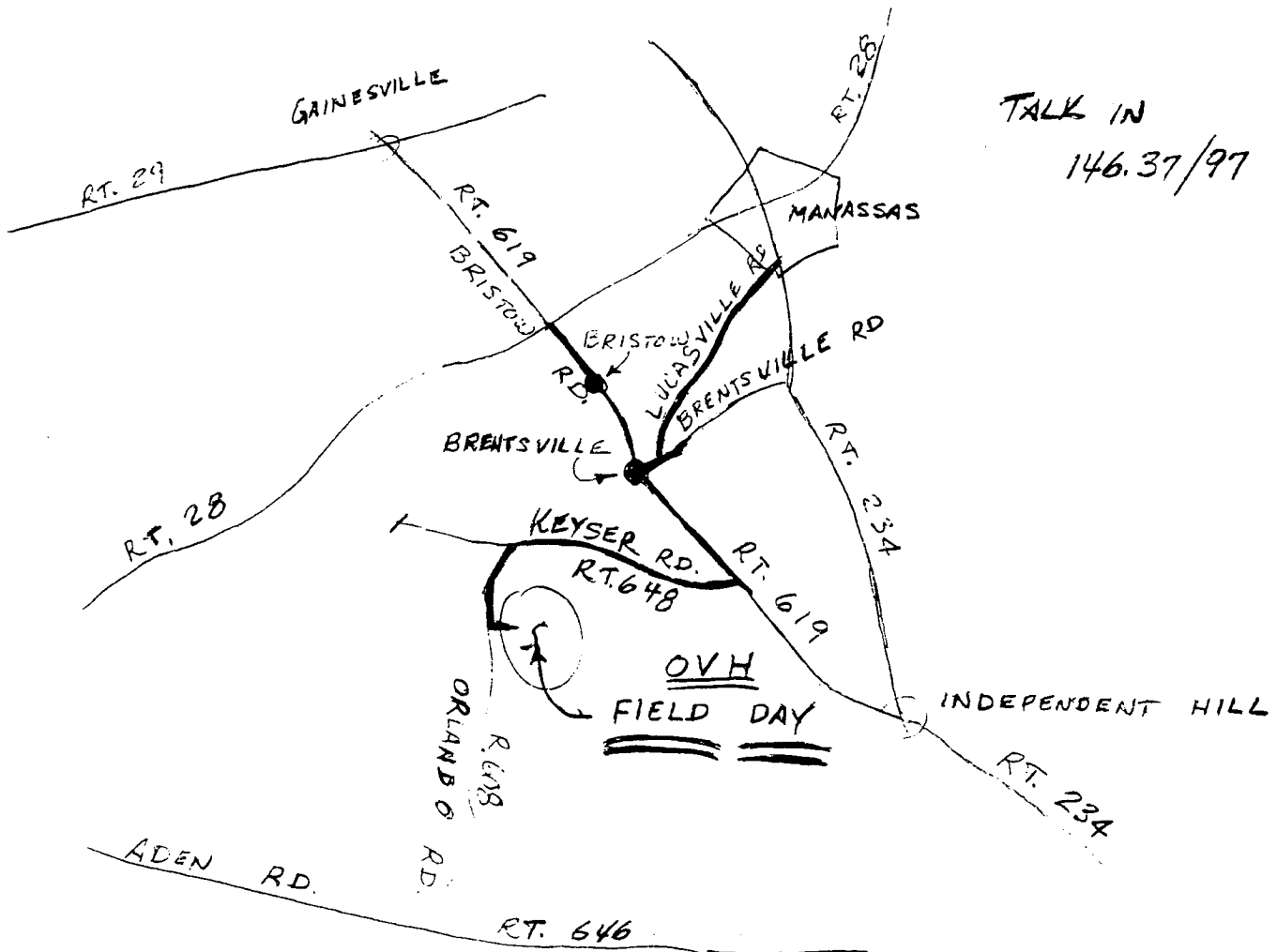
## DIRECTIONS TO FIELD DAY:

### From Manassas:

Take Rt. 234 South. Right on Lucasville Road. Right on Brentsville Road. Left on Bristow Road. Go approx. 3 1/2 miles and turn right on Keyser Road. Go approx. 1 mile to where Keyser makes a left turn and turns into Orlando Road. Go 300 to 400 yards to entrance on left.

### From Nokesville:

Take Rt. 28 North. Turn right on Rt. 619, Bristow Road. Go through Brentsville to Keyser Road. Turn Right. Go approx. 1 mile to where Keyser makes a left turn and turns into Orlando Road. Go 300 to 400 yards to entrance on left.





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( ) New Member      ( ) Previous Member      ( ) Renewal

Class of License      Callsign      Date of Application

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Membership Class       Regular       Family       Blind       65 or older

|                                  | U.S. | ELSEWHERE |     | U.S. | ELSEWHERE |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year  | \$25 | \$33      | \$2 | \$20 | \$28      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years | 47   | 63        | 4   | 37   | 53        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years | 65   | 89        | 6   | 50   | 74        |

**Note:**

If you are joining the ARRL for the first time and you wish to thank the ARRL-Affiliated Club that introduced you to the ARRL, please enter its 4 digit code (club members can tell you what their code is) in the space provided below.

Enter 4-digit code for sponsoring club, if any:

**0507**

**IMPORTANT:** Please attach your Expiration Notice to this form if you are renewing your current membership. Payment in U.S. Funds only.

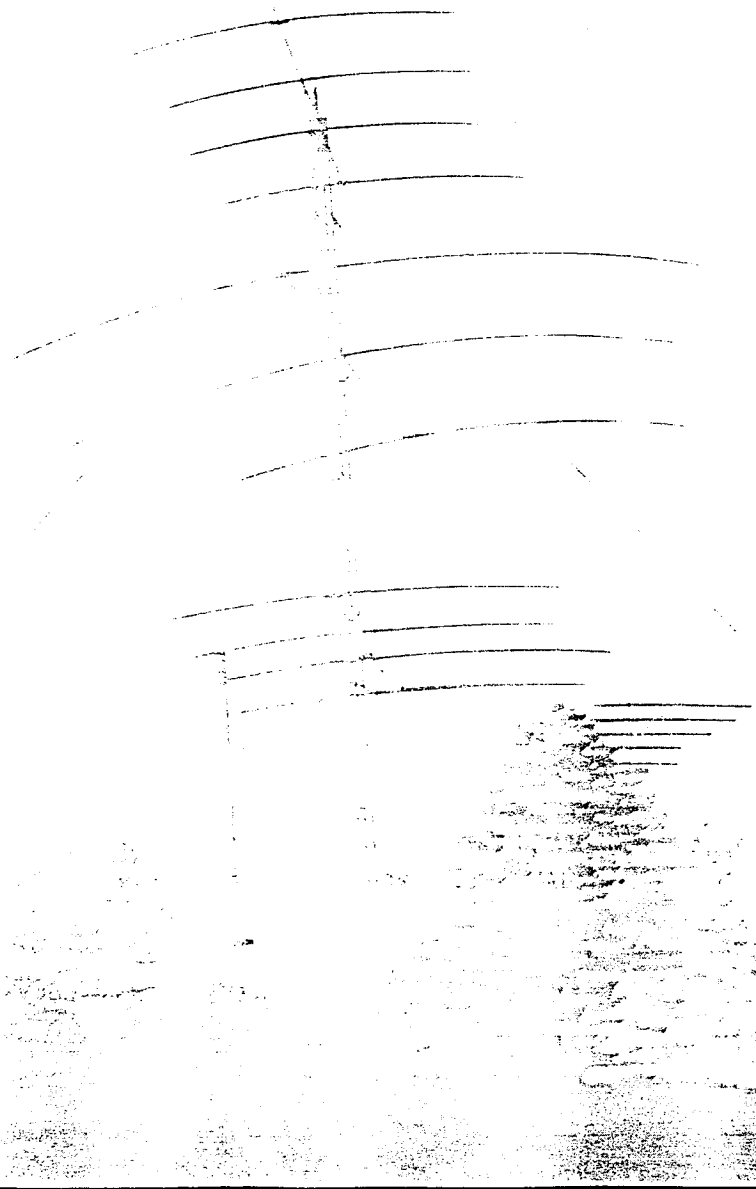
The rates include the postage surcharge which partially offsets the additional cost to mail QST outside the U.S.

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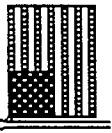
Persons who are age 65 or older may upon request apply for League membership at the reduced rates shown. Proof of age, in the form of a driver's license or birth certificate is required. If you are 17 or younger, a special rate may apply. Please see reverse side.

Your membership certificate will be mailed to you in about 2 weeks from the date we receive your application. Delivery of QST may take slightly longer, but future issues should reach you on a regular basis. Membership is available only to individuals. Fifty percent of dues is allocated to QST, and the balance for membership.

**DUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**



# CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY

|  |   |     |   |                                       |     |  |
|--|---|-----|---|---------------------------------------|-----|--|
| 1 9<br>AMER EAGLE NET<br>@ 1700 ON 28.340<br>-----<br>HAMFEST<br>FREDERICK, MD | 2 0<br><b>OVH<br/>CLUB<br/>MEETING</b>  | 2 1 | 2 2<br>NVFMA NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.31/91 | 2 3<br>OVH NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.37/97 | 2 4 | 2 5<br>WOODBIDGE<br>NET @ 2100<br>28.440<br>-----<br><b>FIELD DAY</b>          |
| 2 6<br>AMER EAGLE NET<br>@ 1700 ON 28.340<br>-----<br><b>FIELD DAY</b>         | 2 7   | 2 8 | 2 9<br>NVFMA NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.31/91 | 3 0<br>OVH NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.37/97 | 1   | 2<br>WOODBIDGE<br>NET @ 2100<br>28.440   |
| 3<br>AMER EAGLE NET<br>@ 1700 ON 28.340  | 4<br>INDEPENDANCE<br>DAY<br> | 5   | 6<br>NVFMA NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.31/91   | 7<br>OVH NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.37/97   | 8   | 9<br>WOODBIDGE<br>NET @ 2100<br>28.440<br>-----<br>VEC EXAMS<br>WASHINGTON, DC |
| 1 0<br>AMER EAGLE NET<br>@ 1700 ON 28.340                                      | 1 1   | 1 2 | 1 3<br>NVFMA NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.31/91 | 1 4<br>OVH NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.37/97 | 1 5 | 1 6<br>WOODBIDGE<br>NET @ 2100<br>28.440                                       |
| 1 7<br>AMER EAGLE NET<br>@ 1700 ON 28.340                                      | 1 8<br><b>OVH<br/>CLUB<br/>MEETING</b>  | 1 9 | 2 0<br>NVFMA NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.31/91 | 2 1<br>OVH NET<br>@ 2000<br>146.37/97 | 2 2 | 2 3<br>WOODBIDGE<br>NET @ 2100<br>28.440<br>-----<br>VEC EXAMS<br>RICHMOND, VA |

**NOTES:** 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.  
2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.