



# Ole Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



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

### April Meeting Notes:

On April 18th, 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.

After discussing New and Old Business, Randy (KA4UFF), the Hamfest Chairman, gave a report on how the Hamfest preparations are going. Although numerous people have volunteered to help with setup on Saturday, June 4th, 1988, and cleanup after the Hamfest on Sunday, June 5th, **volunteers are still needed.** After the Report, everyone at the meeting helped label the flyers that were sent.

### Board of Directors Resignation

Jeff Noel, Member of the Board of Directors of the OVHARC, turned in his resignation. Butch (W4HJL) will take Jeff's place on the Board of Directors.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Chris Mayol (WA3NPI)

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### FROM THE TREASURER'S BANK

The Ole Virginia Hams is an ARRL Affiliated Club. If you are thinking about joining the ARRL or about renewing your membership, remember, if you join or renew through OVH, the Club will receive a commission. Applications for joining ARRL can be obtained from me. If you would like more info, please feel free to give me a call.

Steve (N4OGR)

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### Hospital Report:

Al Picard (K4IQW) is in Fairfax Hospital recovering from Open Heart Surgery. We hear he is doing quite well. From the Newsletter Staff, WE WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY, Al!!!!!!

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)  
Butch Blasdell (W4HJL)

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Harry Vorhauer (W4PVA)

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Harry Vorhauer (W4PVA)

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Butch Blasdell (W4HJL)  
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Jack Gunsett (KI4VP)--Digipeater

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Bernice Miller (KA4SCA)

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1988 Curt Wann (K4ITO)

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Open

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**Historian:**

Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV)

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Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV)

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**1988 Hamfest**

Randy Moler (KA4UFF)

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Tim Wayne (KB4NR)

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**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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK:

Spring is here!! I keep saying that, but it never quite happens. It is the time of the year to climb the tower, get up on the roof, or whatever gymnastic endeavor is required for one to check out the antennas and feedline to determine what damage Winter has wrought. Most of you probably have had the same problem I have: every time I have a day off, it is either raining, or windy, so the task is put off. Oh well, the SWR is no higher than it was last Fall, so I guess I can put it off another week. After all, Spring is still coming, . . . I hope!

Steve and Bonnie are doing a great job on the Newsletter. I am certain it takes more time and effort than we realize, but it is appreciated. The April Issue contained a propensity of "Local Club" items, with a minimum of filler. This makes the Newsletter more interesting, and more apt to be read. I am certain each of us has some ideas which would form the basis for Newsletter articles. Write them up and send them to Steve and Bonnie. Or, if you don't feel comfortable with writing them yourself, call them and tell them what your ideas are. They will put your thoughts in writing, or ask someone else to. As an example, I am sure we would like to know the results of Ken's (N4NLO) research on Grounding Towers, or a Dayton Trip report (if anyone went this year), or recent HF Band Openings, or how the American Eagle 10 - 10 Net is progressing. Please put pen to paper and we will all benefit. Bonnie is satisfied with any kind of copy, if it is readable. After all, I don't have a typewriter at home, so she manages to decipher my handwriting.

Well, I am sitting at the kitchen table as I write this, looking out the window. The sun is shining, the wind is calm, and it is early in the morning and above 50 degrees. Spring is here, the lawn is freshly mowed, and I have no other excuses. Time to get out the ladder, climb up on the roof, and check out those dipoles and inverted V's. Some day I'll get the SWR down to 1.1 to 1; or at least I'll keep trying.

See you at the next meeting, and at the Hamfest, and at Field Day.

Ed (KC4YY)

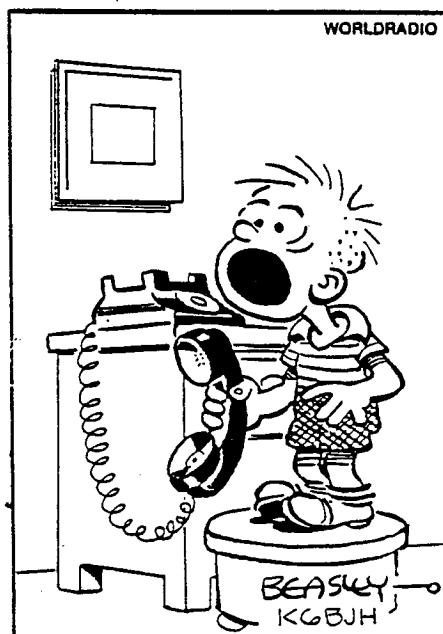
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### Silent Keys:

John Wadden (W3MHH) will be missed by his friends. John had been a Ham since 1931. At the time of his death, John, new to the Manassas area, had just been voted into the OVHARC.

Stan Mc Callister (W3HBZ)

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IT'S UNCLE CARL--HE WANTS YOU TO MEET HIM ON ONE POINT TWO GIGGLE HURTS!

# MANASSAS HAMFEST

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The Fourteenth Annual Manassas Hamfest is almost here; preparation is moving along, including the all important mailing of the flyers. At the April meeting of the Ole Va Hams, members and guests pasted labels on 3600 flyers that were later mailed to all points in Virginia and adjoining states. In early April over 400 flyers were sent to ARRL affiliated clubs in the Atlantic and Roanoke divisions.

The direct mailing was for those people who attended last year's hamfest plus any additional names received through new members and other sources.

The Prince William County Fairgrounds was again rented and we look forward to a successful 1988 hamfest. Letters to potential commercial exhibitors went out in January and so far the response looks good. A second letter will be sent early May to all exhibitors who have not responded.

Thanks to the help of dedicated club members, hamfest preparations are coming along very well. Just to let you know who is doing what, the Committee Chairmen are: 1988 General Hamfest Chairman: Randy Moler-KA4UFF, Features Chairman: Dick-Miller-WD4AZG, Ladies Program and Bake Sale Chairman: Bernice Miller-KA4SCA, O.V.H. Outside Table Chairman: Jeff Barr-KB4IWD, Prizes Chairman: Joe Tutino-KB4VHK, O.V.H. Inside Table Chairman: Mary Lou-KB4EFP, Tailgate Chairman: John Zorger-WA1STU, Maingate Ticket Sales Chairman: Ed Bayne-N4LJZ, Talk-in Chairman: Harry Vorhauer-W4PVA, Roadside Signs Chairman: Jack Gunsett-KI4VP, Commercial Exhibits Chairman: Joe Schlatter-K4FPT, Mailing List Chairman: John Peters-K1ER, Facilities Chairman: Butch Blasdall-W4HJL, Hamfest Dinner Chairman: Bonnie Frick-N4QPB, Finance Responsibilities Chairman: Steve Frick-N4OGR. Many other members are providing much needed assistance-but remember, the success of the hamfest depends on the help of the entire membership on the weekend of the hamfest. Also remember that Bernice Miller, KA4SCA, needs everyone to contribute baked goods for the ladies programs the day of the hamfest.

The hamfest preparation crew meets on Saturday, 4 June at McDonald's (usually on Route 28) around 0800-0830 for breakfast. Then everyone can head out to the fairgrounds to clean up and set up.

DINNER IS ALSO FREE: STEAK ANYONE?

Many thanks to Jack Gunsett-KI4VP for a find job on designing the flyers.

Volunteers are still needed, call any chairman or me, Randy Moler-KA4UFF for information, see you at the hamfest.

**Sunday, June 5, 1988**

**GENERAL INTEREST:**

**How to Recognize a REAL Ham**

1. A real ham is incapable of throwing away a length of coax cable or any piece of equipment, whether he will ever use it again or not.

2. A real ham will take his absolutely mint condition HT to a hamfest and try to sell it for \$248 "firm." He will then sell the same transmitter for \$18.75 to the 12 year-old neighbor who just got his Novice ticket, because that is all the kid can afford. He will also throw in an expensive coax relay at no charge.

3. A real ham is slowly collecting parts for at least four different projects, one of which has already appeared in the "25 Years Ago" column of QST.

4. A real ham can pick out a "BY" prefix that is S-1 from underneath six stateside signals running S-9 +20 db.

5. A real ham knows that antennas erected on calm days and during daylight hours will never perform as well as those erected in the dark and in a blizzard.

6. A real ham wishes that his tower was at least 10 feet taller, no matter what its current height.

7. A real ham spends his week-ends operating contests and/or public service events, much to the dismay of his family.

8. Given the choice between Heard Island and Waikiki Beach for a vacation, the real ham will chose Heard Island (and not understand why the YF objects).  
(From Carascope via ARNS Bulletin, Auto-Call May 1988 Issue.)

**Latest Calls Issued for the Stateside, Alaska, and Hawaii Call Areas Were (As of 1 Mar 1988):**

EXTRA	ADVAN- CED	GEN. TECH.	NOVICE
NQ1C	KC1IL	N1FMX	KA1RQK
WE2J	KE2ET	N2HTG	KB2FDZ
NN3P	KD3GT	N3GAF	KA3SRB
AB4GN	KK4XW	N4SEK	KC4DPW
AA5EP	KG5HU	N5MDW	KB5FLM
AA6HC	KJ6DU	N6RNS	KB6WBL
WK7D	KF7HR	N7KOB	KB7EAU
WB8S	KE8QJ	N8JFK	KB8ECJ
NX9L	KE9IX	N9HFS	KA9AEY
WE0I	KE0TJ	N0IYF	KB0BXF
HAWAII	AH6IW*	NH6OL	WH6BWJ
ALASKA	AL7JQ*	NL7NB	WL7BQP

\* EXTRA CLASS ALSO ASSIGNED FROM THIS GROUP

(Auto-Call, May 1988 Issue.)

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**FCC Highlights**

March 24, FCC began a proceeding, PR88-139, to modernize the US Amateur Radio Service Rules. The Notice was not available as this was written but is said to be an 87 page document. Comments will be accepted until August 31. (ARRL Ltr, 3/29/88 & Auto-Call, 5/1988).

"The Canadian Department of Communications (DOC) has officially announced that it is committed to entry level no-code Amateur Radio."..."We understand that ARRL Board Members are carefully following the progress...in Canada." (W5YI Report, 3/15/88); Westlink Report, 3/4/88, Auto-Call, 5/1988.

The delay in FCC's processing of new amateur license applications has slipped from 3 to 4 weeks to 4 to 6 weeks (ARRL Ltr, 3/29/88 ). Auto-Call, 5/1988.

**"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"**

A petition has been filed with FCC by an amateur proposing two possible methods to provide direct emergency radio communications between local and state police and amateur operators. One system would be cross band where police would listen to an amateur frequency designated for the purpose and amateurs would listen to an appropriate police frequency. The other would provide for simplex police operation on certain amateur frequencies. (W5YI Report, 3/15/88) Auto-Call, 5/1988.

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## Memo from Harry Vorhauer

NOTE Multiple Schleiosis -- 150K  
"Bike A Way" - May 21st.

OVH participation has been requested for this event at check points. Please contact Harry (W4PVA) for more information and to volunteer. Hope to see you there.

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### SWAP & SHOP

2 Power Supplies -- Astron 12S7A -- 7 amp; RS12A -- 12 amp.  
Contact: Ken (K2Z0Q) (703) 644-1686

With Spring arriving, the time to clean out forgotten areas of garages, attics, and ham shacks has also arrive. While picking through un-needed ham and electronic equipment, please remember that the "Manassas Hamfest and Computer Fair" is only THREE WEEKS way. A table will be set aside for OVH members to leave articles for sale. This table will be staffed at all times during the Hamfest, so you can bring items to sell and still be free to wander in search of more goodies.

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## MANASSAS HAMFEST AND COMPUTER FAIR NOTES:

### Bake Sale Table:

Please don't forget the Bake Sale Table. Cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc., will be appreciated. Please note: Whole cakes and pies are very hard to eat while browsing through the Hamfest. Please make sure everything is in individual portions.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the American Cancer Society. For more information, please contact Bernice (KA4SCA) at 791-3839.

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### Harmonics from the Editor:

At the May Meeting, new Rosters will be available. These Rosters WILL NOT BE MAILED. So, please do try to attend this meeting.

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### Congratulations:

Congratulations Gene (N4HFW) on your promotion at work. We are looking forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and at the Hamfest.

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### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the OVARC will be held on Monday night, May 16th, 1988, at 8:00 pm. Please use the side basement entrance. REMEMBER THIS IS THE FINAL MEETING BEFORE THE OVH HAMFEST AND COMPUTER FAIR. Volunteers are still needed.

Don't forget Field Day, June 25th & 26th, 1988.

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 1253, Manassas, VA 22110 or give us a handline (361-0008 or 690-6547). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others.

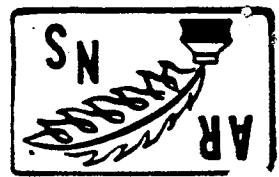
Steve N4OGR

# CALANDER FOR MAY AND JUNE

1 5 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1900 ON 28.340	1 6 OVH CLUB MEETING	1 7	1 8 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91	1 9 OVH NET @ 2000 146.37/97	2 0	2 1 WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- VEC EXAM RICHMOND, VA
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NOTES: 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.

2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.



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## AND COMPUTER SHOW

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### Sunday, June 5, 1988

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