



# Ole Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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Repeater - WA4FPM -- 146.37/97      Digipeater - WA4FPM-1 -- 145.09  
220MHz Digipeater - WA4FPM-3 -- 223.4

## OCTOBER 1988 ISSUE

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

"I've been meaning to.....!"  
These may be the four most used words in the English language. I've been meaning to do this. I've been meaning to do that. Eventually the things that must be done get done, but have you noticed how many get done at the very last minute, and probably suffer in quality because they have been put off till the last minute. How many of us know that we have some experience we would like to share with other members of the Club? I listen to the repeater much more than I talk on it, and I hear many conversations on antennas, operating techniques, and on a great variety of topics that would make good Newsletter articles. It is easy to verbalize orally, but hard to write things on paper. This I will agree. However, if half of you would only write on one topic a year, Steve and Bonnie would have over fifty additional articles for the Newsletter, and we would all be richer by having shared your thoughts.

The Fall contests are coming, and that give all of us a chance to work some new countries, new states, new continents, new zones, new prefixes, or whatever we are concentrating on at the moment. Contests are a great way to collect some new ones, because many rare ones operate during the contests and are there for the taking, but are hard or impossible to find at other times. So, fire up the rig and spend a few hours each contest weekend twirling the knob looking for good ones, or find a clear spot and call CQ. It will be worth your while.

Remember NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER, because the Meeting Room is not available. However, see YOU at the October meeting.

Ed Stalder (KC4YY)

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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)

### Officers:

President -- Ed St  
Vice President --  
Secretary -- Randy  
Treasurer -- Steve

Repeater Trustee:

OVH Weekly Net:

Emergency

Memo from

Harry Vorhauer

Prince William Park Authority Bike  
Tour of October 2nd, 1988.

Weather for bike tour was excellent,  
not too hot, not too cold, and no  
rain.

There were 171 participating  
cyclist. Several, for one reason or  
the other did not complete the ride.  
There was one rider whom had a bad  
spill and had to go to Prince Wil-  
liam Hospital for stitches. Others  
just couldn't make the entire ride  
of about 35 miles. Ride started at  
about 9:00 am at the NOVCC Parking  
Lot and the last rider completed the  
tour at about 1:00 pm (less, of  
course, the time spent at the J. C.  
Long Park for Chow). So the average  
point to point speed for the slowest  
comes out at about 8 MPH.

Participating Hams were:

Jeff Barr (KB4IWD)  
Bonnie Frick (N4QPB)  
Steve Frick (N4OGR)  
Tom Lindsley (K4FHK)  
Harry Vorhauer (W4PVA)

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**DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!**

The room reserved for the Manassas  
Upgrade Exam is MS002 at the  
Manassas Campus of the NOVEC. The  
exam is Saturday, 19th of November  
at 9:00 am. Be sure to bring the  
original of your license and a copy.  
Also the original of any Certificate  
of Successful Completion that you  
hold.

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Make a difference—  
**VOLUNTEER**

From the 1988 Hamfest Chairman:

The Overview Committee held a meet-  
ing at Ed's place, Saturday, Sep-  
tember 10th, 1988, at 10:00 am, to  
discuss the 1988 Hamfest. Attending  
the meeting were: Steve (N4OGR),  
Gene (N4HFW), Jimmy (WA2QEJ), Tim  
(KB4NR), Butch (W4HJL), Ed (KC4YY)  
and myself, Randy (KA4UFF).

Our purpose was to see what went  
right and what went wrong with the  
1988 Hamfest. ON the agenda were 25  
items open for discussion. To put  
your mind at ease, we did not change  
policy, we will continue to operate  
our Hamfest in the normal way. This  
meeting was to generate new ideas  
and seek to improve our way of oper-  
ating the succeeding OVH Hamfests.

Some of the items discussed were:

1.A. Main entrance: Due to the  
large number of cars leaving early,  
we must have clearly marked entrance  
and exit signs.

1.B. Use of two roads--one for  
entrance and one for exit.

2. COMMUNICATION--Need to consider  
improving our communication by use  
of base station at OVH table or  
changing frequency to 220MHz/440MHz  
band.

3. Hire more police and give  
instructions as to what we need.

4. Vendors--need to set a cut-off  
date for accepting their  
reservations.

If you have something to add that  
could improve the Hamfest, please  
contact me so it can be added to our  
wish list.

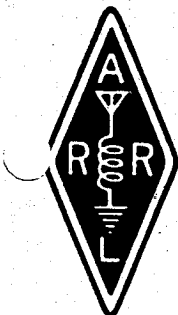
Randy Moler (KA4UFF)  
1988 Hamfest Chairman



Multiple Sclerosis Society, thank you  
for this year's "MS 150K" Bike Tour the  
your role and that of the entire  
is absolutely crucial to the safety of the  
put on a fund raising event of this  
kind; support and help.

steers were filled with compliments  
all of you did. Not only were you  
everything was handled with such good  
to tell you how thrilled we are with

over our goals for this year. We



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FELLOW ARRL MEMBER:

I am a candidate for the office of Director of the Roanoke Division of the American Radio Relay League.

It would be appreciated if you would present the enclosed flyer, listing my qualifications for this office, to the membership of your radio club.

I feel that my vast experience in the ARRL Field Organization and my long time involvement in Public Service communications qualifies me to warrant the support of your club's ARRL membership in the forthcoming election.

I promise, if elected, to work for the adoption of future ARRL policies that will meet the needs of all amateurs.

73,

*Claude, W3ATQ*

Claude Feigley, W3ATQ  
135 The Maine  
Williamsburg, Va. 23185

**1989 Ole Virginia Hams Hamfest  
Chairmen:**

The next Hamfest is June 4th, 1989,  
and our Chairmen for this Hamfest  
are:

Joe Tutino (KB4VHK)  
Greg Brunacci (N4RKV)

Thanks for volunteering!!!!!!!

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**GENERAL INTEREST:**

**Woman Judge Throws Curve At PRB-1:**

PRB-1, the so-called Amateur antenna law, recently had Federal Judge Zita Weinshienk make a ruling that may distort the meaning and intent of the original law if allowed to stand. In Boulder, CO, she ruled that two hams . . . could not violate a 35 foot county height restriction because there were other hams in the county that could furnish emergency communications if needed.

She ruled that PRB-1 did not apply to individual operators but to the Amateur Radio Service as a whole. Whether it was prejudice or missing the point and intent of the law, she suggested that if hams wanted to put up high antennas there were many other spaces in the county that this could be done. (Can you imagine this from a Judge!)

An appeal is now pending in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. The problem and an evergrowing one for this Service is that legal fees cost money. A drive is now on to assist the two Amateurs. Contributions may be made to the Boulder Antenna Legal Defense Fund, 5338 Spotted Horse Trail, Boulder, CO, 80301. (B-N-T Bulletin, Oct 1988 Issue).

**Trouble Shooter:**

Virginia State Government Liaison, Frank Brooks, W4UMC, would like to learn of any local issues or political hot-spots concerning Amateur Radio around the state of Virginia. He would like to find out about any problems regarding TVRO satellite antennas, as well as ham antennas. He would like to receive newspaper clippings of articles on hams and zoning issues, etc. Send material to Frank Brooks, W4UMC, 1209 Augustine Avenue, Box 32416, Fredricksburg, VA 22401. (The Virginia Ham, Auto-Call, October 1988).

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**YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD:**

Murl fox (KB6YPF) has just realized one of dreams, and that was to become an Amateur Radio operator. Murl celebrated his 97th birthday on March 8!

About a year ago his grandson, KI6QB, introduced Murl and his wife to Amateur Radio and took them to a radio club meeting. In June Murl got his Technician Class call. His wife, also received her technical call and is studying for her General or higher. She isn't telling her age, but it probably isn't too far behind Murl.

So let's not hear any more comments about "I'm too old to study for a license." Murl and his wife are convinced you are only as old as you feel. And they're feeling mighty young these days when they talk to their friends on the air. (Auto-call, October 1988 Issue.)

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**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS**



Jonathan received an expense-paid trip to the ARRL Southwestern Division 1Convention (HamCon '88) held at Anaheim, California 9/2-4/88. He was presented with a plaque and a Yaesu rig at the convention Grand Banquet.

Westlink established the Young Ham of the Year Award to highlight the accomplishments of the nation's many young radio hobbyists, and to encourage other young people to join the exciting and rewarding hobby of

# SWAP & SHOP

**TRADE:** Lafayette model BCR 101 General Coverage Receiver. Will trade for a handheld scanner, Nikon Zoom lens, or other Nikon camera equipment. Contact: Jeff (KB) at 703-830-1150.

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**For Sale:** ICOM 3AT, new, barely used, in original box with Instruction Manual and Warranty Card, asking \$250.00. Contact: Bonnie (N4QPB) at 690-6547 or (7361-0008.

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Yaesu 2M FT-209RH Handie Talkie : \$225.00. 70CM (440) FT-709RH Handie Talkie for \$250.00. Looking for Yaesu FT-727R. Will buy or make deal on trade. Also looking for Packet Controller, Cheap! For a dedicated rig. Contact: Greg (N4RKV) at 690-5949-evenings.

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## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be held Monday night, October 17th, 1988, in the Basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomand Drive, Manassas, Virginia, at 8:00 pm. Please use the side entrance located on the left side of the building (where a lot of the antennas will be parked).

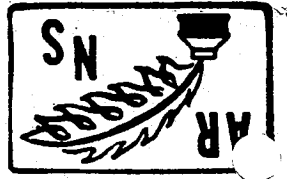
Please note: There will be no November meeting as the Meeting Room will be being used. So, do try to make the October meeting.



# CALENDER FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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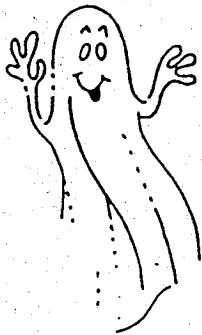
**NOTES:** 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.  
 2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.



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