



# Old Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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220MHz Digipeater - WA4FPM-3 -- 223.4

## SEPTEMBER 1988 ISSUE

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

It is early on Saturday morning, and I am sitting in the shack listening to a Net on 7163. I have been coming down to the shack at odd hours lately to find out how the bands are improving during the early stages of Sunspot Cycle 22. When you use dipoles and other assorted wire antennas as I do, instead of a beam, knowing when the band openings happen is rather critical. Anyway, the reason I am telling you this is the fact that some egghead is doing everything he can to disrupt the Net. Whistles, groans, coughs; you name it and he is doing it. MAYBE he will tire, because the Net participants are ignoring him, as they should. However, it is disconcerting. There will always be a small percentage of amateurs (and some non-amateurs) who would rather disrupt than participate, and our hobby will continue in spite of them.

When was the last time you told a non-Ham about Amateur Radio. Obviously, there are many people who know Amateur Radio exists and are not interested. The same is true of hunting, fishing, golf, tennis, flying or any other hobby. However, everyone is aware of these hobbies and has made a considered decision whether to participate or not. Not so with Amateur Radio. We need to continue to reach out to those who don't know the hobby exists. A few of them will be interested, and of those few, some will make the effort necessary to become Hams. That is how we grow. So never give up.

Sorry I missed the last meeting, but we were far away from here. See you at the next one.

Ed (KC4YY)

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### **HOSPITAL REPORT:**

Bill Underwood was admitted to Loudoun Memorial Hospital in Leesburg, Virginia. We Wish Him A Very Speedy Recovery!

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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### **Refreshments:**

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Bernice Miller (KA4SCA)

### **Field Day:**

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Open

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Bonnie Frick (N4QPB)

### **Historian:**

Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV)

### **Publicity Chairman:**

Gregg Brunacci (N4RKV)

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### **Scholarships:**

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### **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

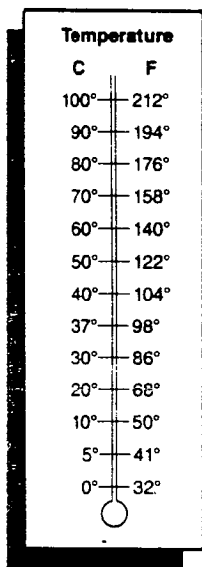
**WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO**

**GENERAL INTEREST:**

**Convert Temperature:**

During many QSO's it is common to exchange temperature readings at the respective stations. Except for the U.K., the common unit outside the U.S. is the centigrade scale.

Clip and use the converter below to change Farenheight temperature to Centigrade (or Celsius) temperature. ("SPARC GAP", August 1988.)



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**TERMINATION:**

When a lawyer is removed from his job he is said to be Disbarred. A priest is Defrocked. But, one wonders, what about other careers?

Do electricians get Delighted, Far East Diplomates get Disoriented, Office clerks Defiled, bankers, Disinterested, and wine merchants deported?

Is a banker Unrolled, a school teacher Degraded, a song writer Decomposed, a podiatrist Defeated, a printer Depressed, a maestro Disconcerted, a detective Dissolved and a florist Deflowered? ("ARNS", August 1988.)

Make a difference—  
**VOLUNTEER**

**ARRL BULLETIN--September 6, 1988:**  
NR 96

The FCC today released its Report and Order in Docket 8714 which removed 220 to 222 Mhz from the Amateur Service. Amateurs can continue to use 220 through 222 Mhz until the Commission issues new rules for the proposed land mobile and Government users of the Band. The promulgation of these new rules is expected to take months. The ARRL is continuing to fight the Order. Further WIAW Bulletins and October QST will provide further details.

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**ARRL BULLETIN--September 6, 1988:**  
NR 97

The FCC has issued a proposal, Docket 87-467 to permit amateur operation in the 17 Meter Band, 18.068 through 18.168 Mhz. In this proposal the entire 17 Meter Band will be available for general, advanced and extra class licensees with a maximum of 1.5KW PEP output. The band would be divided into a CW and digital subband at 18.068 through 18.110 Mhz and a phone subband at 18.110 through 18.168 Mhz. In its proposal, FCC said it desired to make the band available by July 1, 1989. HQ has only received a news release on this proposal. Further details will appear in November QST and the ARRL Letter.

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Memo from  
Harry Vorhauer

**PRINCE WILLIAM BIKE TOUR:**

Sunday, October 2, 1988, 3 or 4 more Hams are still needed to help provide Communications. Hams will ride in PWC Park vehicles. They will need power cable (Batt to rig). Call Harry (W4PVA).

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## SWAP & SHOP

If you have something to sell or have an item which you would like to trade for another item, let the Editors know. We will be glad to put it here.

XYL'S AND YL'S you can also use this space for items you would like to sell. It does not necessarily have to be Ham related.

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### *Harmonics from the Editor:*

We are looking for someone who will help with finding articles for this Newsletter. The column which we would like to start will be titled: XYL'S AND YL'S HARMONICS. The column can include recipes, household hints and helps, and possibly, how individual ladies deal with stress relating to work, home, and how they find the time to pursue their hobby of Amateur Radio.

We would greatly appreciate any help with this column that we could possibly receive. If no one wants to volunteer to do this column, perhaps the XYL's and YL's would just like to mail in their recipes, hints, and other assorted goodies to the Editors. We would be glad to just add them to the Newsletter. Let us hear from you all in time for next month's Newsletter.

Thanks alot!                      The Editors.

QSL Bureau: A piece of furniture used to store acknowledgement cards.

## LETTER FROM TYPIST:

Once again I am typing up the final pages of the monthly Newsletter and once again I find myself digging through different magazines for articles to put in the CLUB'S Newsletter. From the other Newsletters which I have been editors of and/or typist, I have been under the impression that a Newsletter was suppose to be a comment on the Club and how the Club works together as a whole. If that is true, this Club is in trouble. So far this month only 4 articles have been sent in by Club members. FOUR! I really wonder is that all the members this Club has? According to the Roster there are 125+. Doesn't someone else have something that would be of interest to the Club? Or are you just afraid that whatever you have would be of no interest to anyone else? How do you think I feel? Why should we put articles from other magazines in our Newsletter? If other Clubs members can send articles to their Newsletters, why can't ours? Are we less of a club than others? Are our members antisocial? Or do they just feel that someone else will do it, so they just sit back and do nothing? I wish I could answer these questions, but I can't. So I guess I will just have to keep on filling our Newsletter with articles that say nothing about our Club. Or, better yet, to save money on printing and mailing, I will just type whatever the Club members send in to the Newsletter and that will be the Newsletter. Just 2 or 3 articles and the Calendar (that's what I have gotten for the past several months). How much easier for me. Less expense for the Club on printing and mailing. Less for you to read. Less space taken in you trash can. How nice?

Come on members. Send me some articles!

Bonnie (N4QPB)

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

# OLE VIRGINIA HAMS

## **KEY MOUSE REPEATER:**

Did you know that Disneyland has a 2 meter repeater that visiting hams can use? To access it, when you enter the park for the first time, you check-in at the business offices just inside the main entrance. Tell them you are a Ham and that you have 2 meter portable. They will then explain the use of the repeater (it requires a touch tone access code) and the responsibilities of the Ham that uses it.

In general terms what you will be asked to do is to keep the rig on receive and, in addition to the normal contacts with other hams there, you will be asked to help with various situations such as "have a lost child in Adventureland." If you see the child you would announce it on the repeater and help would be sent by Disneyland officials. What a deal! Everyone benefits. Hams get their Public Service noted by the general public, and Disneyland gets the service of a number of trained communicators in situations where they need as many eyes and ears as possible. (ARNS, July 1988)

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## **WANTED:**

To be able to receive a Worked All States Award as a Novice using CW I need the use of an ARRL Call Book dating back 10 to 12 years ago. If you can help me locate a Call Book please contact Joe (WD4OJY). Telephone Number: 369-3940

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Watt: A unit of power. Watt? I said, a unit of power. WATT? I SAID ...

## **NOVICE CLASS:**

Harry (W4PVA) and Bob (N4RL) will be teaching a Novice Class beginning October 11th and continuing through December (the Class will run 10 weeks). Class will start at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evening and will end about 10:00 pm. The Class will be held at Stonewall Jackson High School. There will be no charge for the Class. Students will be using "Tune in the World" book and tape which they can purchase at EEB or EGE.

For further information, contact either Harry or Bob.

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## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

To All Radio Amateurs

John C. Kanode, N4MM, is a candidate for the Office of Roanoke Division ARRL Director. John has been our Vice Director for the last eight years and is well qualified for the Directorship. I hope your club will support John in this endeavor. We need a dynamic and experienced person to be our ARRL Director. John has both and more. . . .

Thank You

Committee to Elect John, N4MM

(Please note: This letter and the accompanying information sheet will be available at the next meeting.)

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Are you involved in  
public service?  
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DED: Dark Emitting Diode (a burnt-out LED).

**SPECIAL INTEREST:**

**Don't Forget!! Mark It On Your Calendars NOW!!** The Annual Club Picnic will be held Saturday, September 24, 1988 (rain date to be Sunday, September 25, 1988) at Art's (WLCRO) and Joyce's home QTH. The Picnic will start at approximately 1:00 pm. Directions are below:

Take 234 South, go past Lake Jackson Dam. Go past the 7-11 Store on Purcell which will be on your left and turn at the next right which will be Morningside Drive. Take a right on Woodlark. Art's and Joyce's house is on the Left corner of Woodlark and Morningside.

Bring the XYL or the YL and all the kids, too. There will be games and such and lots of food and drinks. Look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, contact Marylou (KB4EFP) or Bernice (KA4SCA).

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**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be held on Monday night, September 19th, 1988, at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia. Please use the side entrance located on the left side of the building (where all of the antennas will be parked).

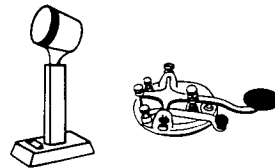
Your presence is needed as at the last two meetings there were not enough bodies present to make up a quorum. So no voting was done. I really hope to see you there, you are needed!!!!

**"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"**

**SAY THAT AGAIN?**

Promulgating your esoteric cogitations or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications demonstrate a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, or coalescent conglomeration or precise garullity, jujune bafflement or asinine affections. Let your extemporaneous verbal vaportations and expatiations have lucidity, intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rodomontade or the pian bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous propensity, psittaceous vacuity, ventroloquial verbosity and valiloquent vapidty. Shun double entendre, obnoxious jocosity and pestiferous profanity, unobservable or apparent.

In other words, say what you mean. (Now test yourself and send the above in code.) (B-N-T: Sept 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 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)

## CALENDER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

1 8 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 ----- HAMFEST VA BEACH	1 9 OVH CLUB MEETING	2 0	2 1 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91	2 2 OVHNET @ 2000 146.37/97	2 3 QCWA NAT'L CONVENTION, McLEAN, VA	2 4 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- CLUB PICNIC AT ART WHITTUMS QTH
2 5 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340	2 6	2 7	2 8 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91	2 9 OVHNET @ 2000 146.37/97	3 0	1 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- VEC EXAM Vienna
2 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340	3	4	5 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91 ----- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	6 OVHNET @ 2000 146.37/97	7	8 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- VEC EXAM ANDREWS AFB NATL CAPITAL DXPO 88
9 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1600 ON 28.340 ----- NATL CAPITAL DXPO 88	1 0	1 1	1 2 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91	1 3 OVHNET @ 2000 146.37/97	1 4	1 5 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440
1 6 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1600 ON 28.340	1 7 OVH CLUB MEETING	1 8	1 9 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.31/91	2 0 OVHNET @ 2000 146.37/97 ----- VEC EXAMS TOWSEN, MD	2 1	2 2 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440

**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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