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The OVH ARC Newsletter



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## AUGUST 1989 ISSUE

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

Mark Herman, of the Prince William Park Authority, has requested Ham help with communications at the upcoming Civil War battle re-enactment on Sunday, August 26th, in the James C. Long Park. This is re-enactment will take place adjacent to the site where the OVH Field Day activities took place -- a bit more exact -- in the field between Route 15 and the Field Day Shelter.

Since this is August, a number of heat related illnesses are to be expected. This is especially so because the participants in the re-enactment will be wearing woolen clothing. Expected are 5 to 6 hundred "soldiers" and possibly 5 thousand spectators. Two periods of military activity are scheduled -- 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. It is estimated that two meter simplex will suffice. Handheld rigs will be a necessity.

Hams will be in the thick of things and have an excellent opportunity to enhance our image. I will be collecting names of those that can help out. Contact me if you wish to take part, or for further information. Also, see enclosed informative literature regarding the enactment.

Harry (W4PVA)

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### **UPGRADES:**

Joe Tutino upgraded to Extra.  
Congratulations!!!!

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

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

**WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO**

# OLE VIRGINIA HAMS

## FROM THE HISTORIAN:

Needed: Old items, pictures, articles, facts, etc., of past club activities. It would be great to have pictures or articles relating to who was who in the Club when it was first started, 5 years later, 10 years later, etc.

73's

Greg (N4RKV)

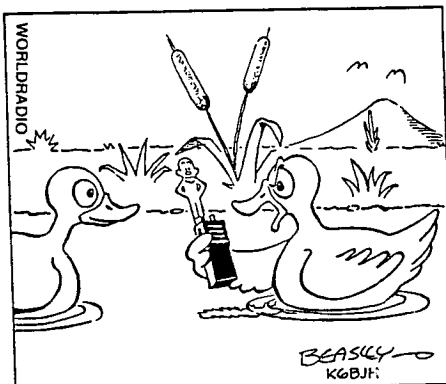
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## GENERAL INTEREST:

### Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day:

The first Annual Amateur Radio Public Awareness Day will be held September 16th. To make the general public more aware of the existence, purposes and benefits of Amateur Radio, clubs, and individuals will set up and operate public displays across the nation in schools, libraries, town halls, parks, fairs and anywhere else an imaginative club can think of. Start planning your club's public exhibit now. League HQ can help. For tips on setting up your exhibit, check out the ARRL Special Events Communications Manual, available from ARRL HQ for \$5.00, plus \$2.50 shipping/handling. Upon request, HQ will also provide you with promotional brochures for distribution at your booth. ("QST", Aug. 1989.)

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I'M GOING TO GET MYSELF A QUARTER-WAVE WHIP---  
THESE RUBBER PEOPLE ANTENNAS LEAVE ME COLD!

## SWAP & SHOP

Copy of General Class and Advanced Class Cassette tapes. Contact: Sharon (KC4LCZ) 690-5949.

### WANTED:

Packet Crystals and Local Repeater Crystals to fit an HW202. Contact: Greg (N4RKV) 690-5949.

### FOR SALE:

Digital Equipment Corp Writer, Model #LA 36 (Stand alone keypad, teletype, computer terminal), 300 BAUD. Connect to RS-232. \$100.00. Contact: David Wright (No Call) 368-0668.

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### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be held on Monday night, August 21st, 1989, at 8:00 p.m., in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

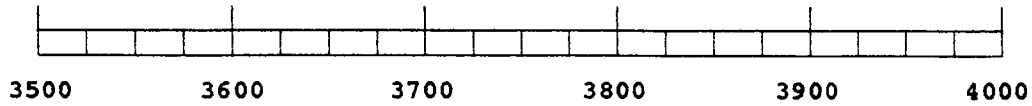
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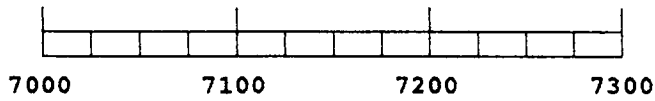
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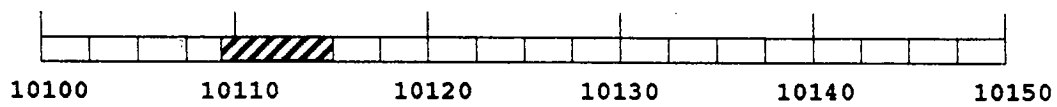
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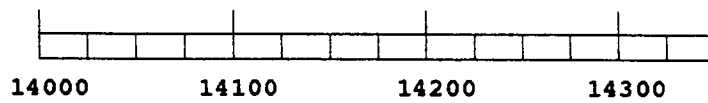
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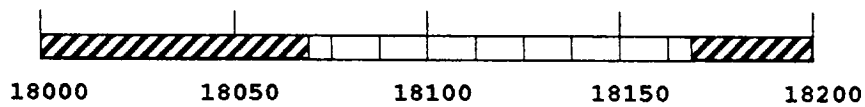
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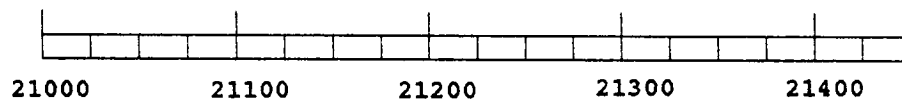
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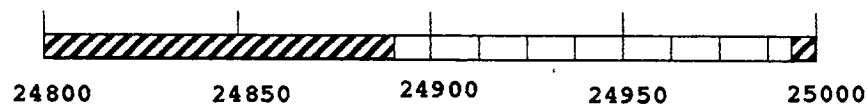
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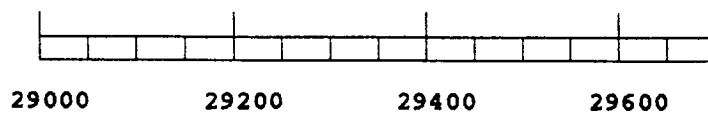
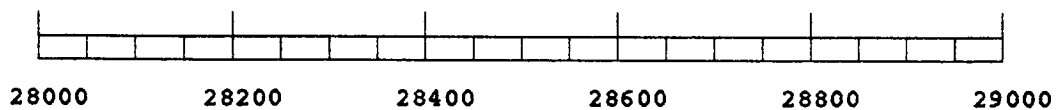
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# Battle of Second Manassas



*8<sup>th</sup> Annual Reenactment  
and Living History Encampment*

## Battle of Bristoe Station 1863

**I**n the Autumn of 1863, one year after the Confederate victory at the Battle of Second Manassas, another bloody battle was fought in Prince William County, just 8 miles from Manassas at the railroad crossing at Bristoe Station.

This little known battle occurred just 3 months after the decisive Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg. General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and General George Meade's Union Army of the Potomac were jockeying for position to control portions of Northern Virginia and were both forced to detach portions of their forces to help support other military campaigns in Tennessee.

In October 1863, Lee's army began a quick offensive with the objectives of keeping Union forces from sending additional reinforcements to the West and to finally drive the invading Union armies out of Northern Virginia. Meade became aware of Lee's intentions and began moving his army towards the high ground at Centreville. Lee's forces caught up with the tail end of Meade's army at the railroad junction at Bristoe Station.

At 2:30 p.m., on October 14, 1863, Lee's army, under the command of General A. P. Hill, observed a small Union force having a leisurely lunch near the train station. Thinking he had caught the Union column off guard, General Hill quickly hurried two brigades forward to engage the enemy. As Hill's troops prepared for the battle, a column of Union troops,

under the command of Brigadier General Gouverneur K. Warren, moved into the area and took cover behind a railroad embankment opposite the Confederates. The southern forces noticed the increase in Union activity near the railroad tracks and shifted their attack to engage the enemy head on. The Union forces remained hidden behind the railroad grade until the southern forces approached to within 100 yards of the tracks.

Then all at once the Confederate troops were hit with a murderous blast of musket and artillery fire. Entire sections of the southern battle lines were wiped out, but despite their heavy losses and the heavy fire from the Yankee troops, the Confederate forces continued to advance to within yards of the railroad tracks. Even though the Confederate troops greatly outnumbered their opponents they could not overcome the strength of the Union position behind the railroad grade and were finally forced to withdraw at 3:30 p.m.

In a battle that spanned only one hour, Lee's forces suffered over 1,900 killed, wounded and missing while Warren's troops lost only 550. Lee's attempt to force Meade out of Virginia was over as the Union troops, under the cover darkness, quickly slipped away from Bristoe Station.

## Schedule of Events

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Union and Confederate Camps Open to the Public

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Authentic Civil War Camp Church Services  
Public Welcome

**10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

Musical Entertainment  
Provided by the 97th Regimental String Band

**10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Narrative Description of First Battle Reenactment

**11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Reenactment of the Battle of Bristoe Station

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Civil War Era Fashion Show  
and Best Soldier Competition

**1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

Musical Entertainment  
Provided by the 97th Regimental String Band

**1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Artillery Demonstration

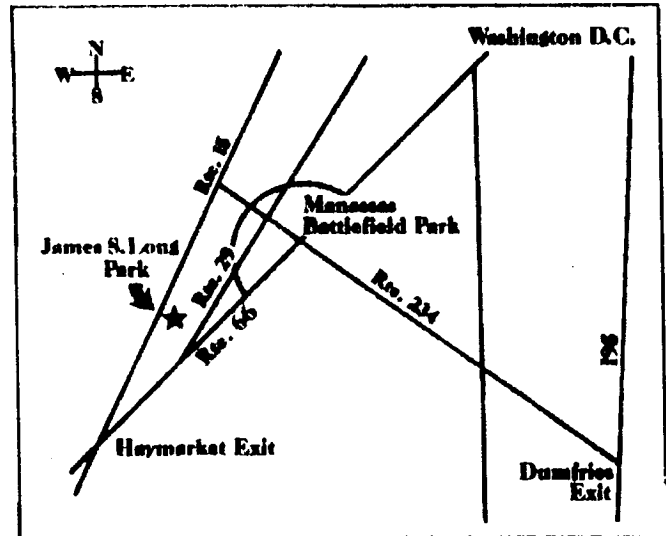
**2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Narrative Description of Second Battle Reenactment

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Reenactment of the Battle of Brawner Farm

## Eighth Annual Civil War Reenactment & Living History Encampment



**Directions:** Battle of Second Manassas Reenactment will be held at James S. Long Park, James Madison Highway (Route 15) in Haymarket, Virginia.

From the Capital Beltway - 495, take Route 66 West. Follow 66 past Manassas to Route 15 North - Exit No. 9. Follow signs 2.5 miles to park. From Manassas, follow Route 66 directions or take Route 234 (Sudley Road) to Route 15. Make left onto Route 15 and follow to park.


**Information:** Contact the Prince William County Park Authority weekdays 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (703) 335-7060 or (metro) 631-1402. On weekends, call (703) 361-7126, or 491-2183.

*Cost: \$5.00 per Car*

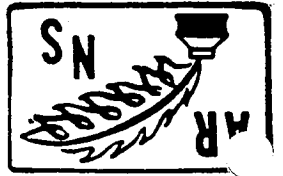


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# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

<b>20</b> AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340		<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	<b>24</b> OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- VEC EXAMS LUREL, MD
<b>21</b> <b>OVH CLUB MEETING</b>	<b>23</b> AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340	<b>23</b> WIAW QUALIFYING RUN	<b>30</b> NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	<b>31</b> OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440
<b>3</b> AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340	<b>4</b> LABOR DAY 	<b>5</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>6</b> NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	<b>7</b> OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- VEC EXAMS GERMANTOWN MD
<b>10</b> AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 ----- GAITHERSBURG MD VEC EXAMS AND HAMFEST	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	<b>14</b> OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> WOODBIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 ----- VA BEACH HAMFEST
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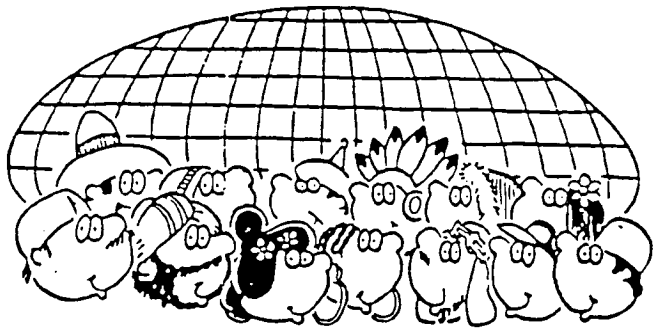
**NOTES:** 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.  
2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.



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