

Ole Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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Repeater: WA4FPM -- 146.97
WA4FPM -- 224.66

Digipeater: WA4FPM-1 -- 145.09
WA4FPM-3 -- 223.40

JANUARY 1989 ISSUE

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK:

Another year has past. Don't they go by in a hurry? Needless to say, once again, we made no New Year's resolutions in our house. I can't say we have nothing to resolve; it is more appropriate to say the will power just isn't strong enough. Oh well, maybe next year.

Any of you who missed the Christmas Party had better make up your mind to attend this year's upcoming party. Bonnie and Steve really produced a winner. I am certain they will inherit the job again, because anyone else would be afraid of trying to equal a great effort. The food was excellent, the music great, the prizes nice, and the flowers magnificent. Thanks for a job well done Bonnie and Steve.

Nominations will be made for 1989 Officers at the January meeting with the election to be held during the February meeting. Let's have a record attendance at both meetings.

Joe is moving right along with plans for the Hamfest (excuse me, I should add "and Computerfest"). Each year we have more computer oriented vendors. As I have said before, computers and Amateur Radio are meant for each other, so the more the better.

Well, let's start 1989 right by coming to the January meeting. Harry (W4PVA) has a program lined up which will be of interest to all. More about that elsewhere in this issue. See you there.

Ed (KC4YY)

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

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Mike Feher (N4FS)
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Westlink Report:

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Mary Lou Blasdell (KB4EFP)

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Bob McCann (N4RL)

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The Editor

WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO

"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

1989 MANASSAS HAMFEST / COMPUTER SHOW
Manassas, Virginia

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H 369-2877 *Blasde11*

(Set Up/Clean Up: All OVH Members

Features Chairman: Dick Miller, WD4AZG, H 791-3839

Ladies Program/Bake Sale: Bernice (KA4SCA) and Lisa (KA4RKJ)

Outside OVH Table: Jeff Barr, KB4IWD, H 830-1150
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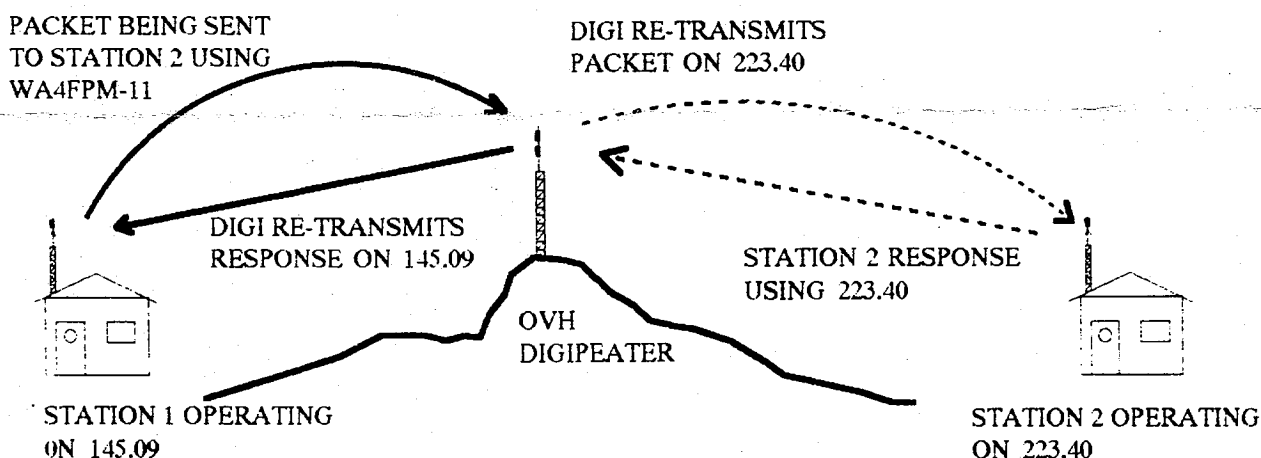
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MANASSAS HAMFEST

Digipeater News

The club Digipeater (Digi) has just been upgraded to the latest release of firmware available from Kantronics. This will allow our digi to do many new things to keep us in touch through packet and trying to keep things simple at the same time. The digi has many call signs that will allow us to access different features. Here is a quick look at what these call signs do:

- WA4FPM-1** - This allows you to use the digi as a repeater for your packets on 145.09.
- WA4FPM-2** - This allows you to access the PBBS. This is a small BBS that you can leave messages (mail) for other users to pick-up or read the latest ARRL bulletins posted by N4SN.
- WA4FPM-3** - This allows you to use the digi as a repeater for your packets on 223.40.
- WA4FPM-11** - This is the "Gateway" call sign. This allows you to use the digi as a repeater for your packets except it is going to crosslink the 145.09 and 223.40, when you transmit your packet to the digi on 145.09, it will re-transmit your packet out on 223.40.



- FPM** - This is called the "Alias", it is a shortened version of the call sign. It allows you to do the same thing as using "WA4FPM-1 or -3". This makes it easier to type in the call signs when you have several digipeaters that you are going to go through on the same transmission.
- OVH** - This is the call sign to access what is called a "Node". This will be explained in another newsletter.

The only call signs that you can connect directly to are WA4FPM-2 (PBBS) and OVH (Node), all the others will disconnect you immediately after a short message. In future newsletters I will cover more features that are available in the PBBS and also the Node.

Jack KI4VP

FROM THE TREASURE'S VAULT:

Don't forget . . . membership dues expired the end of December 1988. Dues are \$6.00 a year. For family membership, the first member is \$6.00 and each additional member of the family is \$3.00. The new Auto-Patch Access Cards will be issued with the Membership Cards (to paid up Members) in the February Issue of the Ole Virginia Times. The Cards will then be available only at Meetings for any late renewals.

Steve (N4OGR)

Christmas Party Update:

The Second Annual Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club's Christmas Party has come and gone. There was a great turnout (68 people)!

As with all gatherings of any sort there are some things which could have been better. More food would have been great, but the food itself was fantastic. We could have used more tables and chairs, and this will definitely be kept in mind for next year's party (if the Club wishes to have another party next year).

The DJ was great! The staff at the La Chapelle were all very helpful and cooperative with everything that was asked of them. All in all, I had a great time and I hope everyone who attended also had a great time.

Until next year,

Bonnie (N4QPB)

A slide rule is an analog computer.

REMINDER FROM THE EDITORS:

Please remember, the deadline for entry of articles for the Newsletter is the **5th of every month!!!!** Occasionally, we can accept articles up to two days later, but that is very infrequent! Please keep this in mind when submitting articles for the Newsletter!!!

General Interest

ARRL Division Director Election Results:

As of January 1, 1989, the Roanoke Division Director is John Kanode (N4MM); Vice Director is James Walker (WD4HLZ).

Congratulations gentlemen!

Ham Radio Publicity by Radio Shack and Heath:

Right on the heels of news that Radio Shack is including ARRL membership applications in its Amateur publications, we have received word that the Heathkit Winter Catalog will include a two page spread about Amateur Radio -- what it is, how to get started and why you should join ARRL. (**Auto-Call**, January 1989.)

Packet Radio at South Pole:

News from Scott Base, Antarctica is that ZL5CCU is active on both HF and VHF (to local bases) on packet radio from the base. There is indeed packet life in the Great White South! (**Auto-Call**, January 1989.)

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Quiz:

What is the input impedance of a patio umbrella?

For the answer, see the article entitled "AERIALS" by Kurt N. Sterba, page 52 in the January 1989 Issue of **Worldradio**.

QSL ADDRESS FOR UIMR:

We have recently been made aware of the following address for those who have worked Musa and Vlad on board the orbiting Soviet space station, Mir. Send QSL cards to:

B. Stephanov
Box 679
Moscow 107207
USSR

FCC PROPOSES TO EXPAND 6-METER REPEATER SUBBAND:

The FCC has proposed, in Docket 88-527, to expand the 6-meter repeater subband by 1 MHz, to include 51-52 MHz. The proposal is in response to two petitions filed by two repeater groups on the West Coast, The Southern California Six Meter Club (SCSMC) and The Southern California Repeater and Remote Base Association (SCRRBA). Both groups requested expansion of the 6-meter repeater subband in order to accommodate a growing number of repeaters in the band. . . . Comments on the proposal are due January 27, 1989, with reply comments due February 28, 1989. (**The ARRL Letter**, December 31, 1988.)

Grave: The condition of the band being dead.

Your HT -- don't leave home without it by Nick (N3GDV):

On May 6 (coincidentally a year and a day after I passed my Novice exam), I was going to visit friends in Bangor and took my HT along for company.

While listening to a conversation on the 147.045 repeater, my car was struck from behind, and pushed off the road into the brush.

The perpetrator continued up the road, and I broke in on the ensuing conversation and asked for a patch to the Bangor police.

Within minutes the officer found the vehicle and driver AT A BODY SHOP! Needless to say, Amateur Radio was responsible for a Speedy apprehension. (**Worldradio**, Jan 1989.)

And closer to home:

On Monday, January 3rd, 1989, my out-of-state visiting friend and myself found ourselves with a bit of a problem. On exiting her van to do a bit of sightseeing we inadvertently locked her keys in the van. For once, I had put my HT (freshly charged thank goodness) in my purse. I contacted N4OGR on 146.97 and explained the problem. He said he would be there in about a half an hour. But, in the meantime, Dean Evans (N4KIK) whom had overheard my conversation with N4OGR arrived on the scene with a slim-jim and managed to open the van door for us. A great big **THANK YOU** to Dean! And, a big lesson for me...from now on, my HT goes everywhere with me! (And, if I ever learn to drive, I won't lock my keys in the car!)

Bonnie N4QPB

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ARRL OUTGOING QSL BUREAU RATE CHANGE:

Effective February 1, 1989, QSL cards bound for overseas will be shipped for \$2.00 per pound. Packages of 10 cards or less will continue to be distributed at the rate of \$1.00.

The ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau has not increased fees charged for this valuable service to ARRL members since its inception in 1976 despite the fact that postage has increased a number of times. (The ARRL Letter, November 18, 1988.)

PICKING UP TACKS, NAILS, METAL:

Everyone knows that the best way to pick up spilled tacks, nails, or small pieces of metal is with a magnet.

The problem is, once they're stuck to the magnet, they have to be pulled off again, which can take as long as it would have taken to pick them up one at a time in the first place.

But if you put the magnet inside a plastic bag, the tacks will be attracted to the magnet through the plastic.

Instead of pulling them off, turn the bag inside out around the tacks and remove the magnet. The tacks are now in the plastic bag and ready for storage again. This great trick is ideal for picking up metal splinters after grinding, too. (Friday Home Report Journal, Sep 16 1988.)

LET'S WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Butch Tonolete -- N6NSM

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

WANTED:

Heathkit HW-101 HF Transceiver, with power supply and speaker, in very good condition, or a Drake TR-4C, with power supply and speaker, in very good condition. Contact: Matthew Clarke at 361-3678.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

It's 1989 already!! And, we are still having fun doing the newsletter. Our thanks and appreciation to those of you who contributed to its content over the past year. Please remember, we are always looking for articles for the newsletter: your knowledge of radio's or equipment; did you take your radio with you on your vacation or trip and if so, did you make any contacts? Have you had an experience where Amateur Radio and/or an operator helped you? We are always looking for articles of this nature. Please share your knowledge and/or adventures with us. We are looking forward to hearing from you this year!

Tidbit:

Heavily soiled spots on a carpet can be removed by spraying with Windex, letting set for a few minutes, and then wiping with a damp cloth. (Valley Amateur Radio Association Newsletter, January 1989.)

In 1970, IBM said there was no market for personal computers!

Memo from
Harry Vorhauer

At our last VEC Exam, held on November 19th, 1988, there were 23 candidates. A total of 37 elements were passed out of 48; 7 upgraded to Technician; 2 upgraded to General; 4 upgraded to Advanced; and, 3 upgraded to Extra!

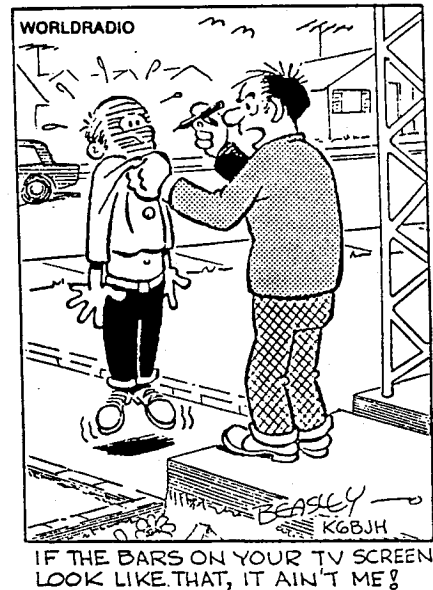
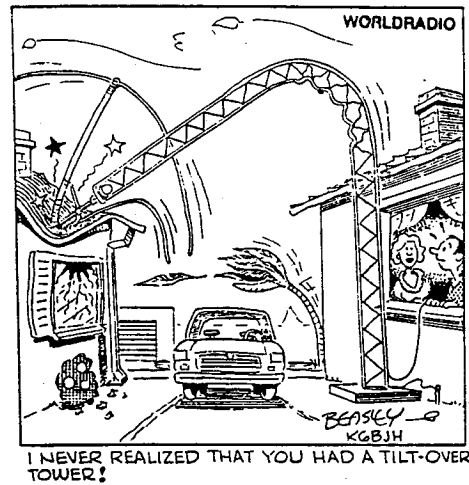
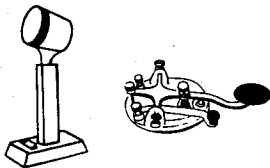
Congratulations to all!

Harry (W4PVA)

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be held on Monday night, January 16th, 1989, in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia, at 8:00 pm. Please use the side entrance located on the left side of the building (next to the parking lot where all of the antennas (Ham style) will be parked). The program for this meeting will include a slide show from the Co-Op Extension of VPI. We look forward to seeing you there.

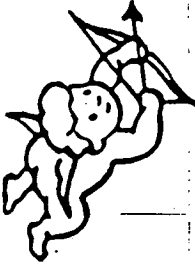
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Remember, we are always looking for interesting items for the Newsletter. If you see or know of articles, shack tips, Items for sale or wanted, brain teasers, etc., please send them to the Newsletter Editor, c/o Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110, or give us a landline (361-0008 or 690-6547). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others.

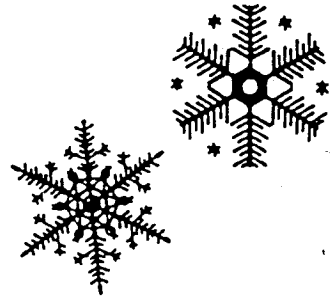
Steve (N40GR)

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

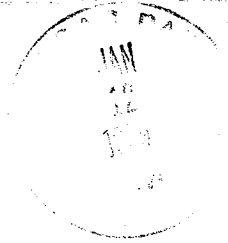
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NOTES: 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact Harry W4PVA.
2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.

Check your license expiration date.



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