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## 1990 AMATEUR RADIO CALLBOOK

### A Product Review

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There is an added bonus, if you look close. They now have an on-line system for those of us with modems. If it isn't in the Callbook, you can give them a call and their system will search their files and provide you with the QSL information. If it isn't in their file, they will let you know that it is probably not a valid or issued call. This is great for those of us who hear a call that sounds familiar but think someone else is using it. It will give a quicker check on those bogus callsigns.

You take all of this and throw in a smattering of advertisements for equipment and such and you end up with close to 1500 pages of information which is at home in anyone's shack. This publication has sure changed from the last one I bought, but, then again, that was back in 1977. Of course, the price has changed too. Dollar for dollar, though, it is the best source of QSL information available today.

They do offer a lifetime subscription to the publications, but my personal feelings are that they might be a tad on the high side. I have been buying my Callbooks every 13 years and have yet to be in an area where at least one amateur has not had a current book.

For 1990, I have the new book, so if you have any questions about callsigns, leave me a message on my machine and I'll get back to you with a reply as soon as practical.

73's

Jay (NS5N)

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

FIELD DAY TIDBITS

Well, another Field Day has come and gone. Hopefully, by now, everyone whom spent the night has caught up on their sleep. As Field Day Chairman, I really think this was a great Field Day -- the weather was wonderful (and I would like to thank the person who ordered the weather for that 24 hour period) -- everyone turned out to help -- it seemed like everyone had a very nice time.

We did learn a few things, such as weather balloons pop when they hit the ground (from what I was told, they make quite a big POP, too)! Maybe next year we can get one up!

I would like to take this time to thank the Committee which took over and made things go so smoothly while I was gone on a business trip -- Jim (WD4QJY), Joe (AB4QV), Jeff (KB4IWD), Harry (W4PVA), Steve (N4OGR) and Pete (KB4RME). A huge thanks goes to all those thoughtful people who provided the campers and motor homes -- Pete (KB4RME), Bob (N4SCK) and Leroy (N4ANW). Bernice (KA4SCA) your chili was as wonderful as it always is, thanks for your contribution! And, a great big thanks to my three chefs -- Bob (N4SCK), Blaine (KB4RKL), and Steve (N4OGR)!! And, I would like to thank Mary Lou (KB4EFP) for doing the final tally of all the contacts (of which there were many).

And, a big **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU** who came out and gave a helping hand with contacts and logging!!!!

Bonnie (N4QPB)

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*I bought the latest computer,  
It came completely loaded.  
It was guaranteed for 90 days,  
But in 30 it was outmoded.  
--Mt. Diablo ARC, Pleasant Hill, CA*

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Death of...  
Recent observations suggest that the peak of Solar Cycle 22 may have occurred in February 1990. The International Geophysical Editors report that the sunspot maximum number for 1990 was 106, which is about equivalent to the sunspot maximum number recorded in 1908. March 1990 was the first month that the sunspot number exceeded 100. The sunspot number for 1990 was 106, which is about equivalent to the sunspot maximum number recorded in 1908. The sunspot number for 1990 was 106, which is about equivalent to the sunspot maximum number recorded in 1908.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION, CONTINUED

### What's Happening to 220?

The United Parcel Service may be on the verge of dropping ACSSE (amplitude compandered single sideband) and going to FM in its recently purchased 220 to 222 MHz. II-Morrow, the UPS subsidiary building the ACSSE gear, is having trouble making it work properly. Reportedly, the pilot tone that locks the system will not accept a 200 cycle drift. Rumor has it that II-Morrow may soon announce that the radios will be with 2.5 kHz channel spacing.

One of the primary reasons the FCC gave for reallocating 200-222 MHz to land mobile was for its use in development of new, narrow band technologies. If they end up using FM, a congressional investigation of UPS, II-Morrow, and the whole procedure used in transferring the spectrum might well be in order. (73 Amateur Radio, June 1990.)

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### ARRL to Fight for Novice:

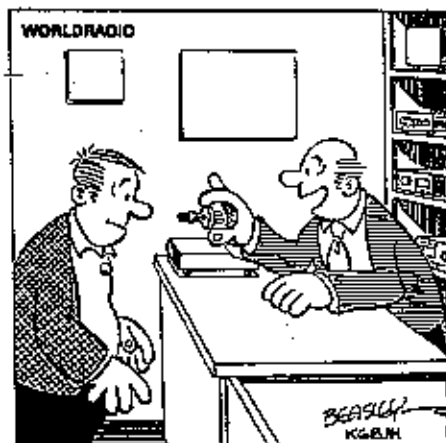
In FR Docket 90-55, the FCC proposes abolishing both Novice and Technician Class licenses and replacing them with the Communicator Class license. The ARRL says that this proposal differs substantially in philosophy from what the League had envisioned. In the February 1 edition of the ARRL Letter, Executive Vice President Dave Sumner K1ZZ noted, "While the League will not have an official position on the FCC proposal until one is adopted by the Executive Committee or Board, it is fair to say that we have long placed great importance on the ... Novice license as a means of entry into amateur radio."

Sumner said it would not be an overstatement that in the past as well as in the present, the League deems the Novice license as essential, but he cautioned that the amateur community might want to wait and study the entire text of the FCC's no-code license proposal before taking a stand.

Sumner did not mention any need to retain the Technician Class license. Most observers feel that the ARRL may use the Technician Class as a bargaining chip, but view the Novice Class as a non-negotiable must.

For the past few years, the Technician Class has been the fastest growing of all license classes, an unforeseen result of splitting Element 3 into 3A and 3B for Novice Enhancement. Indications are that in another few years, the Technician Class could become the dominant license class and would be the most political force in the amateur radio community. (73 Amateur Radio, June 1990.)

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IT'S THE ULTIMATE IN COMPACT RIGS — ALL BANDS, 10 THROUGH 160, IN AN A.C. PLUG!

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**Check your license expiration date.**

# "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"

## NOTICE:

The National Weather Service Forecast Center recently occupied a new facility located near Dulles Airport. This is where the development and movement of severe weather affecting the Washington area is studied and monitored. Thanks to Barbara McNot, Skywarn Coordinator, OVH members are invited to tour the facility on Wednesday, July 25th, 1990, at 8:00 p.m. (In the event of severe weather that evening, the tour will be cancelled and held at a later date.)

To reach the Forecast Center from Manassas:

Take Route 28 North to Route 606.  
Turn Left on Route 606 and continue about 4 miles to the gate of the facility.

Hope to see you there!

Jeff (KB4LWD)

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## MORE ON SKYWARN!

To all Hams interested in becoming Skywarn Spotters:

On July 18th at 7:30 p.m. and again on July 21st in the morning, the National Weather Service will be giving a class for those of you interested in becoming Skywarn Spotters. For more information, contact Harry (W4PVA) at 703-368-6050.

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# JULY 4TH

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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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 OVH, Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Virginia 22110; or, give me a landline (361-0008 or 690-6547). If it is interesting to you chances are it will be interesting to others!

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Bonnie (N4QPB)  
Editor

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## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be on Monday night, July 16th, 1990, 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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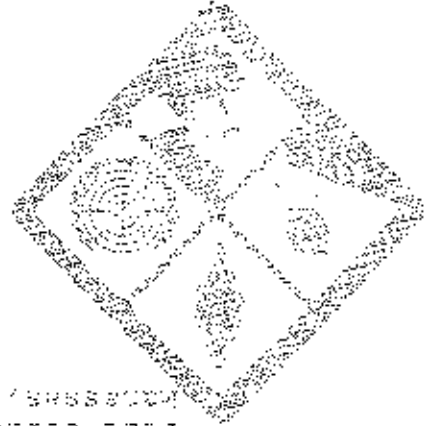
# CALENDAR FOR JULY AND AUGUST

<b>15</b> AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340		<b>16</b> <b>OVH CLUB MEETING</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	<b>19</b> OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.440 BLUFFFIELD, WV 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.

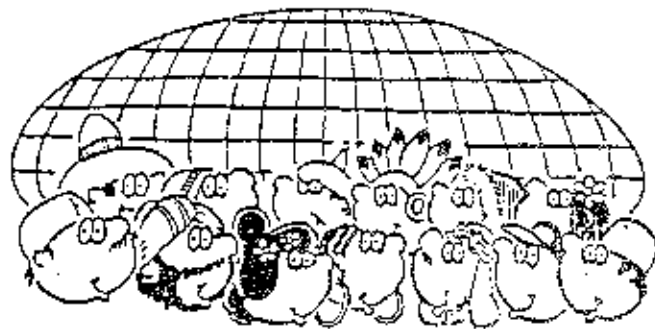


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