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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

I was asked recently to give a spontaneous response to the question "what would I ask for if I would have anything I wanted?" To my surprise my response was "time". Time in reality makes everyone choose their activities. We are fortunate that as a club we have a large group of active members. One of my goals for 1990 will be to expand that core group and explore new avenues of our hobby, along with the current yearly events.

We will be creating a committee to gather the information needed for a possible Special Event station and some members

expressed an interest in Satellite communications. We have our pre-Ham activities and lets not forget Field Day and all the non-club community functions which are available and require our participation. All of the above are excellent opportunities for members to become more active in Amateur Radio. This shall not be limited to licensed members and we will strive to give meaningful positions to anyone who wishes to get involved. This, in keeping with the hobby's overall need to grow.

Did I say TIME? Well, I hope everyone will find some-

thing of interest this year in Amateur Radio and allocate some of their "time" to get involved.

73's

Joe Tutino, Jr.
(AB4QV)

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

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WELCOME!! WELCOME!!

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Welcome to the Ole Virginia
Hams Amateur Radio Club. We
look forward to seeing you at
meetings and Club activities!

(Provided by Jim (WD4OJY))

"TOO MUCH TIME"

Don't you just love our world-
wide system of time? Just think,
no matter where you are you
can look at the sun high in the
sky and say "Gee, it's just
about lunch time". Do we
really need a clock for that?
Ever tried to figure out the
time tables for buses on long
hauls or airline flights? I
know it isn't that difficult,
but why should it be necessary
at all to run through all of
those mental calculations in
the first place?

One world, one time. Amateurs
have had, since the beginning,
a better grasp of world time
than perhaps even the military.
For a ham that has been on the
air on a regular basis, UTC
is a way of life. Some of us
even wear dual time watches
which display both local and
UTC. I don't even want to get
into the clock manufacturing
end of this topic.

We seasonally change our
clocks with our bodies to
"Spring" forward and "Fall"
back. This only adds to the
confusion of the rest of the
world. They had been happily
synchronized with us for the
last six months and suddenly
have to figure out if it is
an hour earlier or later than
it was yesterday.

UTC, or Greenwich, has been
accepted as a reference nearly
worldwide. Why not just use
that time as a reference?
While on Guam Island, 0000 UTC
would come at 10:00 a.m. every
day. At 0200 UTC or 12:00 p.m.
we would start eating lunch.
What is so difficult about that?
I am sure there would be alot
of opposition at first, but
look at the advantages. If
you got on a plane leaving at
1300 UTC and it was supposed
to arrive at 1536 UTC, you
would not have to ask what the
local time there would be and
it would be very difficult to

miss making a phone call if you
knew you were supposed to call
between the hours of 1600 UTC
and 0100 UTC. This is
especially handy for those
traveling overseas. You would
know it was night at home
from 0100 UTC to 0900 UTC so
you would not make any of those
embarrassing middle-of-the-
night calls about the shells you
found on the beach.

Adjustment won't be that dif-
ficult. It is like the old
adage of the man who used
string for a weather gauge:
If it was hanging loose, it was
a still day. If it was standing
out, it was windy. If it was
wet, it was raining. And, if
it was gone, it was too stormy
to worry about the string!

73's

Written & Submitted by
Jay (NS5N)



Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club
February 1990 - Minutes of Meeting

The February 1990 meeting of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 8:05pm. There were 39 members and 8 non-members present.

GENERAL

Harry, W4PVA, brought up two items:

First was the pending FCC NPRM to establish the new Communicator class no-code license and the possibility of this leading to the elimination of the current Novice class. We will have to wait for the text of the NPRM to see what is happening there.

Second was a recent court case in Washington state involving poorly designed home electronic equipment, a touch-sensitive lamp, and a properly operating ham radio station. In this case the ham was exonerated and the court declared that the FCC, as a federal agency, has jurisdiction in resolving RFI matters.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Kanode, N4MM, was guest speaker this evening. John discussed his recent trip to the ARRL district meeting. Subjects for discussion included the pending no-code NPRM, the March 1990 QST editorial on the recent DXpedition fiasco, the still pending actions on 220MHz, and an increase in yearly ARRL dues.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Committee - Congratulations to the following new members:

N4WUV - Craig	AA8NU - David	N4XTQ - Dan
WA4YGI - Charlie	KC4OLE - Aaron	KC4IPL - Bob
N4USI - Mike	KA5RII - Art	

Elections - Nominations for officers for 1990 were made and announced in the minutes for January 1990. There were no further nominations from the nominating committee or the floor during the meeting. Elections were held and the following club officers were elected for the next year:

President	Joe Tutino AB4QV	Treasurer - Steve Frick N4OGR
Vice President	Harry Vorhauer W4PVA	Secretary - Ken Moan KM4UH

NEW BUSINESS

Membership - The following hams have applied for membership in the OVH. These applications were read and tabled until next month:

KC4OLD - Brian	WA4CQO - Loren
N4AZC - Henry	NOCALL - Angela

Art, KA5RII is interested in getting together a group to work with local schools and youths groups on the subject of the US Space program. Anyone interested in this can contact Art on the repeater.

Congratulations to Hank, WB4BQL, a long standing OVH member. Hank was voted an Honorary Member of the Ole Virginia Hams for 1990.

Mr. Dick Daniels from AMSAT will be the guest speaker for March.

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS

HAM RADIO HISTORY:

4 Billion B.C.:

Earth is a swirling ball of flaming gases. Propagation is extremely poor!

1 Billion B.C.:

First dry land appears. It is divided up into squares. County Hunters Club formed.

500 Million B.C.:

Second patch of dry land appears. First DXpedition. Credit disallowed because of questionable licensing agreement.

400 Million B.C.:

Flowering plants and grasses evolve. Telrex invents first beam antenna but sales are slow because of lack of suitable structures.

300 Million B.C.:

First tree appears. It is immediately cut down, stripped of branches, placed in a concrete base and named a telephone pole. Telrex sells first beam.

200 Million B.C.:

Second beam sold by Telrex. Installer falls from top of pole. First safety belt sold.

100 Million B.C.:

First mountain appears. Repeater invented.

50 Million B.C.:

It is decided by WARC that "seek you" is too cumbersome to send on CW, so abbreviation "CQ" is adopted.

4 Million B.C.:

Humans replace swine as dominate species. The name "Ham Operator" hangs on, however.

3 Million B.C.:

Dugout canoe invented. Maritime Mobile net formed on 14.313 MHz.

2 Million B.C.:

Nothing much happens for a long time.

900 A.D.:

Chinese invent gunpowder. BY1AA is first "Big Gun" DXer.

1790 A.D.:

Ben Franklin invents long wire receiving antenna. Ground switch invented.

1961 A.D.:

Second repeater erected. First repeater group refuses to change frequency. First repeater co-ordinator appointed.

1989 A.D.:

Amateur radio humor sinks to new low!

(Submitted by Tom K4FHK)

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MANASSAS

HAMFEST

June 3rd



PLEADINGS FROM THE EDITOR!

I wish to thank everyone who has sent articles in the past several months. They have really helped with my job of putting this Newsletter together. I really appreciate all of the send ins!

BUT.....

The Newsletter could really use notices of Upgrades, items for sale or wanted to buy, miscellaneous notices, etc.

Please, won't you take just a few minutes out of your busy schedule to sit down (take a rest) and jot down your upgrade, the old rig which has been sitting on a shelf (maybe someone could put it to use), perhaps you have a question of a technical/non-technical nature, but you don't know whom to ask for an answer. Send them all to the Newsletter via the OVH Post Office Box, by phone, or give them to me at the monthly meeting. I'll make sure they are in the next issue of the Newsletter!!!

Bonnie (N4QPB)

GUEST SPEAKER

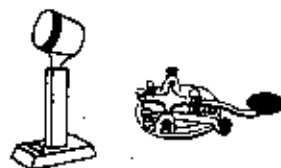
Our guest speaker at our March Meeting will be Dick Daniels (W4PUJ) of AMSAT. Dick will be showing slides during his presentation on the new Amateur Satellites, OSCAR 13 and FUJI OSCAR 20. After the presentation, he will be glad to answer any questions we may have!

Hope to see you all there. It's going to be a great presentation.

Jeff (KB4WD)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be held on Monday night, March 19th, 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 MARCH AND APRIL

18 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 ----- VEC EXAMS BRATS BALTIMORE, MD	19 OVH CLUB MEETING	20 WIAW QUALIFYING RUN	21 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.1979	22 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	23 VEC EXAMS PENTAGON ARC STAFFORD, VA	24 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 ----- 28.440 VEC EXAMS LAUREL, MD WORLD WIDE WPK
25 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 ----- WORLD WIDE WPK	26	27	28 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.1979	29 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	30	31 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 ----- 28.440 TMONIUM HAMFEST
1 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 ----- TMONIUM HAMFEST	2	3	4 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.1979	5 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66 ----- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	6	7 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 ----- 28.440 VEC EXAMS COLLEGE PARK, MD WIAW QUALIFYING RUN
8 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340	9 ARRL SPRING SPRINT, 144 HZ	10	11 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.1979	12 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	15	14 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 ----- 28.440 VEC EXAMS SALISBURY, MD N.AMERICAN OSO PARTY
15 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 ----- N.AMERICAN OSO PARTY	16 OVH CLUB MEETING	17 ARRL SPRING SPRINT, 220 HZ	18 NVFMA NET @ 2000 146.1979	19 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	20	21 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 28.4.
 3. VA State OSO Party, March 17 through 19.



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