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The OVH ARC Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

HAMFEST

The task of putting on a Hamfest is a year long project. As last year's Chairman, I find it difficult to imagine that in less than a month we will have our 16th annual event!

The May 21st Club meeting will be used to finalize the last details. This meeting is as much of a tradition as the Hamfest itself. When the board goes up and Butch starts asking for volunteers we all have to dig deep and make that final commitment. The Club has been fortunate that in the past we have had

enough help for Saturday's set-up, but we never have too much. As in all major undertakings, the more help we get, the less we all have to do. I think that any first timer will be surprised at the magnitude of the event and the amount of coordination which is required.

As you know, we obtain most of our funding from this yearly event, so being involved in the Hamfest is also helping the Club to survive.

I guess, after all of this, I should mention that we also have FUN!!!!. Hamfest weekend is a lot of work, but, somehow, you do not mind, and then

there is always the Pizza and Beer after clean-up on Sunday!!

73's

Joe (AB4QV)

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

"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS"

WELCOME!! WELCOME!!

Mike Sawyer (KG5IB)
Brad Holmes (KB4VDG)
Woody Minar (K9EF)

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

(Provided by Jim (WD4OJY))

WRITER'S BLOCK
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NS5N

Ever thought of becoming a
writer? Think, perhaps, no
one will want to read what
you have to say? Don't worry!
Be Happy! Writing a quick
tip or a long article requires
only a few things.

First off: write about some-
thing you believe in. The
more passionate you are about
what you are talking about,

the better the article will
probably be. After all, if
you feel strongly about what
you have to say, you will
probably know a lot more
pertaining to it than those
who will be reading about it.

Secondly: never submit your
first draft, but keep it
handy for reference. A lot of
information hits the page the
first time out, but it is
usually in a random pattern.
This isn't bad, on the
contrary, it is a good
beginning. Also, be sure
and double, or better yet,
triple space your pages. This
will allow plenty of room for
additional notes and cor-
rections. Once this has been
done, you now have the
foundation for a really good
article.

Over a period of time, more
thoughts will come to mind for
addition into the article. I
carry a small tape recorder
to help out. Plus this
leaves at least one hand free
for driving and you don't
have to take your eyes off

the road during rush hour.
Not only does it let me keep
track of sudden notes which
come to mind for the article
at hand, but it is also used
to make short notes for up-
coming articles when the
thoughts occur.

Now you have it all down on
paper and organized in a
logical pattern of flow. That
is all there is to it. Find a
suitable organ to provide
publication of your work and
you're on your way to being a
published author. Seems
simple? It is! After all,
I'm in print, and I am by no
means a "Professional Writer".
To be honest, I am an
"AMATEUR" writer (pun intended).

73's

Jay (NS5N)

WORLD WIDE FRIENDSHIP THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO

MEMBERS COLUMNS

SPRING CLEANING

With the Hamfest approximately three weeks away, I want to again remind everyone there will be an OVH tailgate table at the Hamfest once again this year.

The OVH tailgate table will be located just outside the large commercial building on the corner across from the food vendors. This table area will be staffed by myself and other OVH members to provide a place where you can drop electronic, computer, Ham Radio and related items ONLY! These items will be displayed and sold for you while you work or shop elsewhere at the Hamfest.

All items left at the OVH tailgate table should be clearly marked with your call, name and asking price. A log will be kept of all items left at the table and your "lowest price", if you are willing to accept less than the asking price.

So, keep this in mind while spring cleaning your shack, basement, garage, etc.

If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please call me at (703) 830-1150.

Jeff (KB4IWD)

PRINCE WILLIAM HOSPITAL EMERGENCY PREPARATION:

In a conference with Hospital officials on April 27th, the following comes to light:

An amateur radio position is to be installed in the hospital emergency admitting area and adjacent to the telephone exchange. The position will have a 2 Meter antenna terminal and hospital emergency power will be available. No rig will be installed. If an emergency situation arises, Hams will bring in a rig and connect to the antenna terminal. The antenna will be installed atop the southwest corner of the emergency room area with cables, in conduit, run between it and the operating position. Two cables will be run thru the conduit, one will be active and one will be a spare.

The hospital will supply cable, conduit and labor.

There is another meeting scheduled with the hospital officials to discuss and establish installation dates.

I note that this antenna location will not be "in the clear" when the new hospital building is completed and reference was made to hospital

personnel. I add a personal comment ... "let us get it up and going, and then worry about improvements."

ALSO:

The City of Manassas is building a new police building on Fairview Avenue. Current plans include an area set aside for an Emergency Operating Center (EOC). This building is to have a back-up power source available to the EOC.

At last information, the EOC will include operating positions for Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and Amateur Radio. The amateur radio position should include both an HF and 2 M position.

A completion date of September 1990 has been quoted. More information as time goes by!

73's

Harry (W4PVA)

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EDITOR'S QSO

Please note: there will not be a separate June edition of the newsletter. The next edition will be in July!

Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS

ERROR IN CALLBOOK:

The Radio Amateur Callbook, Inc., reports that because of a computer programming error in the 1988 Callbook Supplement:

All Novice licenses are incorrectly shown as Advanced.

This means that the Supplement (Volume 66, No. 2) cannot be used to determine license class of these licensees.

(Just a reminder taken from The ARRL Letter 7/5/88.)

IS YOUR HAM LICENSE HARD TO READ?

Here's a reminder to those who receive their Amateur Radio license in the mail, expectantly tearing open the official-looking envelope, only to find that they are unable to read the call sign!

The licenses are typed on carbon copies already in the mailer—a money-saving measure for the FCC—at times making for "difficult copy" by the amateur on the receiving end!

If you are thinking of going over the call with a pencil to darken it up

DON'T. AS ANY ALTERATION to the license automatically voids it !!!!!!! The "enhanced" license, if presented to a VE team for license upgrade testing, will probably be rejected!

If your license arrives in an "unreadable" condition, simply request a duplicate license from the FCC, Box 1020, Gettysburg, PA 17326, explaining the circumstances.

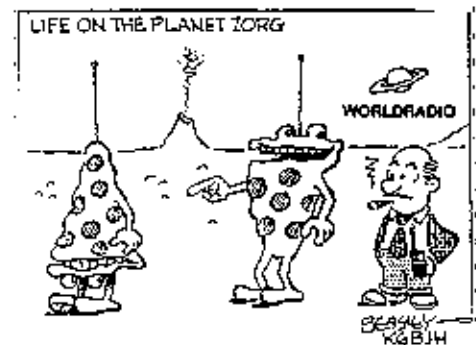
(Just a reminder taken from The ARRL Letter 7/5/88.)

THE AMATEUR RADIO SELLING POST:

The Amateur Radio Selling Post BBS in Islip Terrace, NY, is now online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This service is open only to licensed Amateurs. List the gear you want to sell, trade or buy. There are also sections for club meeting information, hamfest dates and locations and ARRL information. You may also leave electronic mail for all users.

For more info, send a SASE to Lenny Buonaiuto, KE2LE, 206 E. Farmingdale St., Islip Terrace, NY 11752. (Clipping sent in by unknown person!)



THAT'S OCG, ONE OF THE INVERTED PEOPLE --- THEY'RE FOREVER CONDEMNED TO USE THE LOWER SIDEBAND, WHILE WE GET TO USE THE UPPER !

MANASSAS HAMFEST

AMATEUR RADIO AND COMPUTER SHOW

AN ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1990

PRESENTED BY THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS A.R.C., INC.



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3rd - ICOM IC-228H

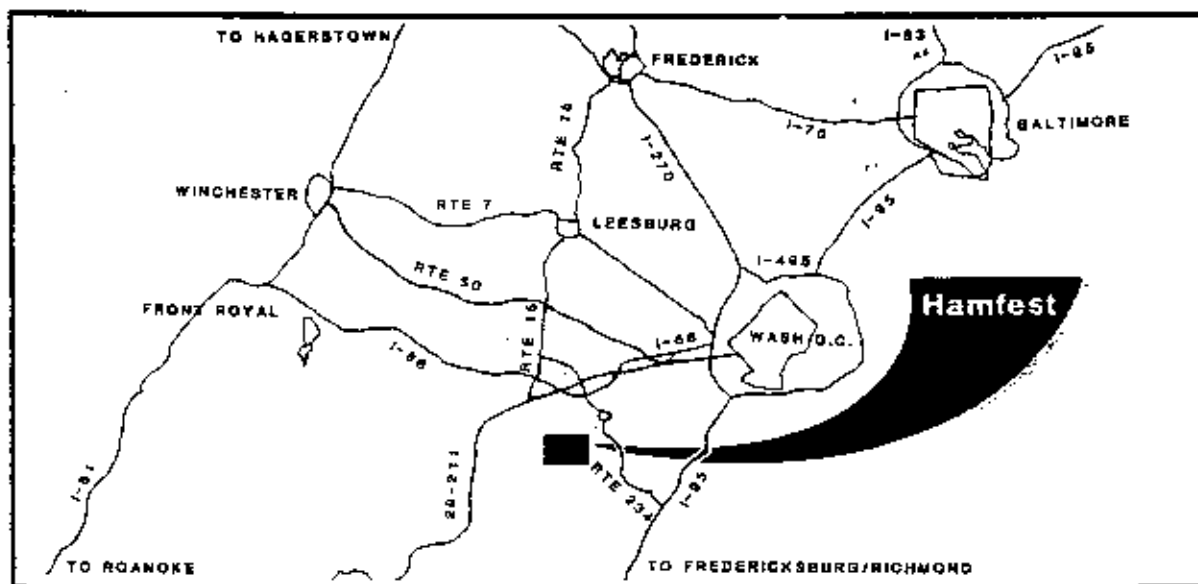
***** FOOD PROVIDED BY PARK WEST LIONS CLUB *****

INDOOR EXHIBIT SPACE AVAILABLE FOR DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS

GENERAL ADMISSION:
\$5.00 Per-person at gate
No advance sales
Gates open at 8.00 A.M.

TAILGATING:
\$5.00 Per-space in addition
to general admission
Gates open at 7.00 A.M.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF MANASSAS
ON ROUTE 234, TALK IN ON 146.37/97 AND 223.06/224.66 REPEATER



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Ample room for tailgating - 25 acres.
- Building available for set-up from 2:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. on Saturday the 2nd.
- Prior written approval for food vendors must be obtained from Hamfest Chairman.
- Door prizes of major brand radio equipment will be awarded at 3:00 P.M., also hourly prizes beginning at 10:00 A.M. for those present, you do not have to be present for the major prizes. Tailgating prize will be awarded at the 3:00 P.M. drawing.
- RV Overnight parking available.

Dealers Information Call:
Joe (K4FPT) 703-368-8599

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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 1288, Manassas, Virginia 22110; or, give me a landline (501-0008 or 501-6547). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others!

MANASSAS HAMFEST, JUNE 3RD, 1990

NOTICE!!! NOTICE!!!

SWAP & SHOP

WANTED!!

BROWNIES, COOKIES, CUPCAKES,
ETC.

FOR THE

BAKE SALE TABLE
IN THE LADIES PAVILION
AT THE MANANASS HAMFEST

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT BERNICE MILLER
KA4SCA

WANTED:

ICOM Desk Charger
Contact: Bonnie (N4QPB) at
890-6547

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OVHARC
will be held on Monday night,
May 21st, 1990, at
8:00 p.m., in the basement
Meeting Room of the Northern
Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323
Lomond Drive, Manassas,
Virginia.

73's



Make a difference—
VOLUNTEER

Yesteryears

1939 POOR OL FRANK--- HE HASN'T
OPENED HIS MAILBOX IN A WEEK !!
THE OTHER DAY HE INADVERTENTLY SAID
"FRANKLY, I DON'T GIVE A @#!!*" ON
THE AIR----- NOW HE'S AFRAID
THERE WILL BE A "PINK TICKET" FROM
THE F.C.C. IN THERE

WORLDRADIO

I'LL BET SOMEDAY THAT,
FRANKLY, THE F.C.C. WON'T
GIVE A @#!!*


YOU SAID A
@#!!* BEANSULL



EXPLETIVELY SPEAKING
-- THAT IS

BEANSULL
KGBJH

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

20 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 WHEELING, WA HAMFEST	21 OVH CLUB MEETING	22 NRVMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	24 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	25 WIAW QUALIFYING RUN	26 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.410 VEC EXAMS LUREL, MD
27 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 MENA HAMFEST HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	28 MEMORIAL DAY 	30 NRVMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	31 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	1	2 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.410 VEC EXAM RICHMOND, VA HAMFEST SET-UP
3 AMER EAGLE NET @ 1700 ON 28.340 MANASSAS HAMFEST	4	6 NRVMA NET @ 2000 146.19/79	7 OVH NET @ 2000 146.97 224.66	8	9 WOODBRIDGE NET @ 2100 28.410 VHF QSO PARTY
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NOTES: 1. For more information on VEC testing, contact E y W4PVA.
 2. The Powwow net meets daily at 2100 on 28.400.



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