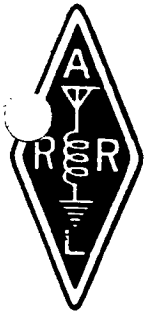


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Ole Virginia Times

The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110

Repeater: WA4FPM -- 146.97
WA4FPM -- 224.66

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

"DID YOU SAY 220?"

by

Rick (N4VZT)

Now, beginning my third year in the Amateur Radio hobby, there is one thing I have noticed that has always bothered me -- the discrimination against the 220 Mhz band.

The day after I passed my Novice test, I purchased an Icom IC-03AT handie talkie. My first contact was on 220, and 220 is where I have met the majority of my Amateur Radio friends. The nice thing about 220 is there is ALWAYS someone, somewhere to talk to; and, you don't have to wait forever and a day to get a turn to make your call on the repeater. In addition, there are a number of repeaters in the area on 220 which are easily accessed by mobile and portable setups with little or no trouble.

The one thing that discourages many people from trying 220 is that there is not as much equipment available for 220 use as there is for 2 Meters. This is due to the fact that the majority of our equipment is imported from "JA" land, where 220 is not allocated to the Amateur service. The thing these manufacturers seem to think is that if THEY don't use the band, we obviously don't either. However, Standard Amateur Radio Products has just released a new dual band HT for 2 Meters and 220. This is the first HT of its's kind, and I

just had the chance to play with one at the Richmond Hamfest, and it appears to have all of the modern "bells and whistles" of most of the other handhelds on the market. I am anxious to see how it compares to rigs of "The Big Three" (i.e., Kenwood, Icom and Yaesu).

Just to give those who are not familiar with the 220 activity in the area an idea of what's available, I have jotted down a few of the repeaters which provide service throughout the metro area:

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| 224.100 | Fairfax, VA |
| 224.940 | Rockville, MD |
| 223.940 | Vienna, VA |
| 224.980 | Falls Church, VA |
| 224.720 | Tysons Corner, VA |
| 224.780 | Woodbridge, VA |
| 224.760 | Jessup, MD |
| 224.340 | Independent Hill, VA |
| 224.660 | Manassas, VA |

Source: ARRL Repeater Directory, 1989-90.



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

NOTICE:

The Fairfax 224.100 Repeater has been repaired and is once again operating at full power. It had been running 5 watts for several months after a problem developed with the amplifier. My compliments to Steve (WB4YHD) and all others who helped on the project -- A job well done!!!!

"73's"

Rick (N4VZT)

LET'S WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS

- Bob Edington (AB4KY)
- Mike Harris (WA4EJY)
- David Pacheco (KC4TRN)
- John Ceccherelli (KC4TXR)
- Jim Ward (No Call)

WELCOME!! WELCOME!! WELCOME!!!

NEW HAMS AND UPGRADES

- Joe Barr (Jeff's (KB4IWD) son) -- New Novice
- Jon Fritsch (John's (N4YOB) son) -- New Novice
- Marc Tonolet (Butch's (N6NSM) son) -- Upgrade to Tech

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!



FIELD DAY 1991

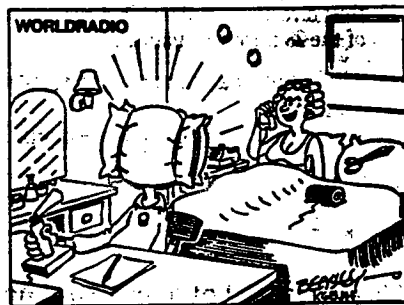
Please mark your calendars! Field Day is the 4th full weekend in June, not the last full weekend. This year Field Day will fall on the weekend of June 22 - June 23.

If you have any suggestions for equipment, Field Day Site, etc. Please contact Bonnie (N4QPB) at 703-361-0008.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT WAIT AT A RAILROAD CROSSING:

Many modern 2-meter rigs have extended receive coverage. Waiting at a crossing, if you are a train buff, listen from 160 to 162 Mhz where U.S. railroads are assigned. Interesting things to hear: AMTRAK calls for the police to be at a station stop to take off a drunken passenger. Calls go to hospital for assistance on heart patients, diabetic emergency. Listen to the switching yards chatter -- "15 to a joint" (means carlengths to the end of the track). Listen to how the engineers names are used to avoid confusion when several engines are switching at the same time. Listen to a dispatcher as he gives permission to pass a red light. Trains are referred to by the origin/destination in 4 letter formal (NLHO is the train from North Little Rock to Houston). AMTRAK trains go by their schedule number, i.e. AMTRAK 22. Another example of the fun of having versatile Amateur Radio equipment. (B-N-T Bulletin, Feb. 1991.)



NO, HERMAN'S TALKING ON THE RADIO DOESN'T BOTHER ME A BIT?

Telephone
Radio Frequency Interference Filter Kit
Parts Card

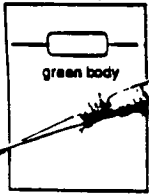
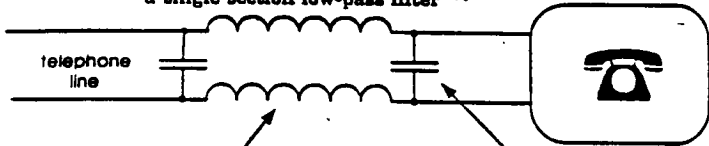
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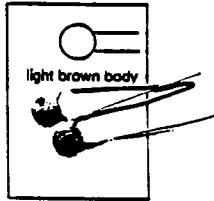
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March issue!

Thank You!!!

Newsletter Editor!

I WON'T GO

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am sure it doesn't make any difference if I attend the meetings. What goes on there only concerns my hobby and things that affect it.

Why should I waste that hour or so of time every month? All I could do during the meeting is express my thoughts and maybe add something constructive to the progress and the good fortune of the Club.

What a waste of time getting to know some of the other members of the Club and the people who have been elected to lead the group. Come to think of it, just think how boring it would be to have all the rumors I've heard in the past dispelled by the truth by asking questions or just listening to the general discussions of matters that concern the Club.

No, Sir! I just can't see attending the meetings. I would rather let other people make important decisions for me.

Sincerely yours,

I.M. Apathetic

(Worldradio, Feb 1991.)

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73's

Bonnie (N4QPB)
Editor

ONLY IN AMATEUR RADIO

NEXT MEETING

Only in Amateur Radio can you ...

- ...talk to kings as you would your next door neighbor.
- ...talk to astronauts and cosmonauts as they travel through space.
- ...help bring relief to a country in the midst of a disaster.
- ...have nearly a million instant friends.
- ...help bring the dream of work peace closer.

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be on Monday night, February 18th, 1991, at 8:00 p.m., in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

ALL WITHOUT LEAVING HOME!!!!

(Auto-Call, Feb 1991.)

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES FOR 1991

subject: WORD FIND PUZZLE # 31

SEMICON.ORS

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THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS A.R.C. ANNOUNCE
THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
MANASSAS HAMFEST
AND COMPUTER SHOW
JUNE 2, 1991

TIME - 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

VENDORS / TAILGATING - 25 ACRES

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

LOCATION - Prince William Country Fairgrounds,
1/2 mile south of Manassas, VA on Route 234

INFORMATION - Jim (WD4OJY) 703-369-3940

TALK-IN on 146.37/146.97 and 223.06/224.66

SOME SEMICONDUCTORS #'S AND A FEW WORDS

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AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to award thirty-six (36) scholarships for the academic year 1991 - 1992 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of fifty local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds five of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. It administers, without cost to the donors, seven (7) scholarships for the Quarter Century Wireless Association, four (4) for the South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club; three (3) each for the Baltimore, (MD) Amateur Radio Club, the Radio Club of America, and the West Allis Radio Club of Milwaukee, (WI); and two (2) each for the Dade (FL) Radio Club, the Amateur Radio News Service, and the 10-10 International Net. It also administers one (1) each for the Richard G. Chichester Memorial, the Young Ladies' Radio League, the Columbia (MD) Amateur Radio Association, the Frederick (MD) Amateur Radio Club, the Vienna (VA) Wireless Society, and the Kevin B. Perdue Memorial.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2000 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, on their nets, during training classes, and in their club newsletters.

Additional information and an application form can be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to May 31, 1991 from:

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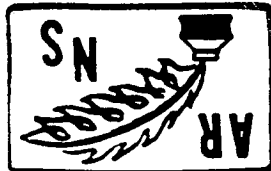
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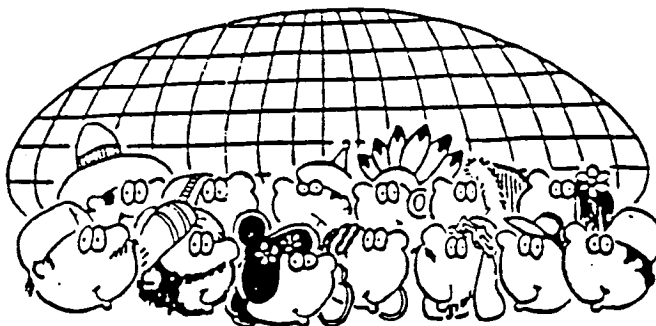
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