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The OVH ARC Newsletter



"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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**MINUTES  
OF THE  
DECEMBER 16TH, 1991, MEETING**

**NOVICE CLASS UPDATE**

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The meeting was called to Order at 8:05 p.m. There were 40 Club Members and 11 visitors sent.

Tim (KB4NR) reported on the repeater with regard to people using the access code on the repeater to dial up 911 and then hanging up. As the police follow up all calls made to 911, and, as they are investigating the source of these calls, we could lose the privilege of being able to use the 911 through our autopatch. Tim stated that we do have a triangulation on the person abusing the 911 autopatch, but, as of yet, do not have enough evidence to accuse the person. Tim also suggested that we restrict the 911 to life and death emergency situations ONLY!

Harry (W4PVA) asked for volunteers with 4-wheel drive vehicles and radio operators to help transport nurses to and from Prince William Hospital and Annanburg Manor during snowstorms this winter. Also, the Prince William Park Authority will be having their Spring Bike Race and have asked for our help.

Jon (N4YOB) discussed the recently completed Novice Class. There were several new Novices and one No-Code. There was one 9-year old who passed the code, but the theory part is giving him difficulty as the words are hard for him to understand. Another No-Code Class will be scheduled for the Spring of 1992.

On December 3, 1991, the Ole Virginia Hams completed the Novice Code Class. As usual, we had the usual number of students stay with the program until the end and those few that do lose interest after awhile. It was encouraging to see the improvement in those completing the course. One of the bright spots was one of our nine year old students. His ability to copy code impressed everyone including the instructors.

It was also good to see that we had students pass both the Novice exam and the No-code Technician exams. Two students passed their Novice exam and three students pass their No-code Technician exam. Those passing the No-code exam will shortly be taking their code exam. We also have a couple of additional Novice exams to administer.

Mary Lu and I want to thank Harry (W4PVA), Dick (WD4AZG) and Stu (KCOPR) for their help in conducting the exams. A special thank you is extended to Jack (KI4VP) for conducting an outstanding packet demonstration. This has really been a hit with the last two ham classes. In fact, Jack, I have noticed on packet that you already have some converts from the last Technician class. TNX Jack!

Also, just a bit of advanced notice for the Ole Virginia Hams to pass the word regarding the next No-code Technician class. We will be conducting the class beginning March 17, 1992 and ending on June 2, 1992. Additional information will follow in the next newsletter and on the Thursday net.

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# ARTICLES FROM THE MEMBERS

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## REPEATER CONTROVERSY

There has been considerable controversy recently (see pages 9 and 70 of the December Issue of QST) concerning FCC Rule 97.113 and "business communications". A partial copy of FCC Rule 97.113 is furnished for your edification. By partial, I mean that those parts of Rule 97.113 which are particularly questioned are given and the remainder omitted.

### Rule 97.113 Prohibited transmissions:

(A) No amateur station shall transmit any communication the purpose of which is to facilitate the business or commercial affairs of any party. No station shall transmit communications as an alternative to other authorized radio services, except as necessary to providing emergency communications. A station may, however, transmit communications to:

(1) Facilitate the public's safe observation of, or safe participation in, a parade, race, marathon or similar public gathering. No amateur station shall transmit communications concerning moving, supplying and quartering observers and participants for any sponsoring organization unless the principal beneficiary of such communications is the public and any benefit to the sponsoring organization is incidental.

(2) Inform other amateur operators of the availability of apparatus normally used in an amateur station, including such apparatus for sale or trade. This exception is not authorized to any person seeking to derive a profit by buying or selling such apparatus on a regular basis.

(B) No station shall transmit messages for hire or for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised.

- OMISSION -

(C) No station shall transmit communications in order to engage in any form of broadcasting, nor to engage in any activity related to program production or news-gathering for broadcasting purposes. A station may, however, transmit communications to convey news information about an event for dissemination to the public when the following conditions are present:

(1) The information involves the immediate safety of life of individuals or the immediate protection of property:

- OMISSION -

(D) No station shall transmit: music; radio communications or messages for any purpose, or in connection with any activity, that is contrary to federal, state, or local law; messages in codes or ciphers where the intent is to obscure the meaning (except where specifically excepted elsewhere in this Part); obscene, indecent, or profane words, language or meaning; and/or false or deceptive messages or signals.

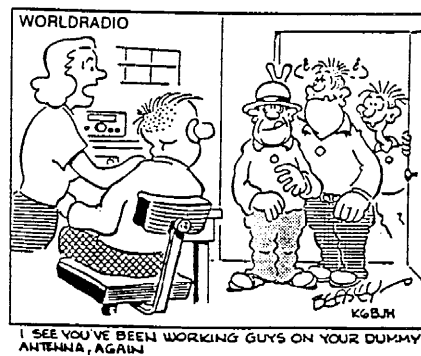
(E) No station shall retransmit programs or signals emanating from any type of radio station other than an amateur station, except communications originating on United States Government frequencies between a space shuttle and its associated Earth stations. Prior approval for such retransmissions must be obtained from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Such retransmissions must be for the exclusive use of amateur operators.

(F) No amateur station, except an auxiliary, repeater or space station, may automatically retransmit the radio signals of other amateur stations.

There is a movement afoot to amend this Rule BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FCC in the form of a request for rulemaking. Any modification of this Rule requires such a submission followed by an assignment of a RM\_\_ (number) by the FCC. Before any action is taken by the FCC, the FCC will assign a comment period and a reply comment period.

Note: A full copy of this Rule is available for viewing, just contact me.

HARRY (W4PVA)



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### CB fan blames airwaves feud for explosion

All sorts of things happen over the free-wheeling airwaves of citizens band radio. Friendships are made. Business deals struck. Women seduced.



Even murder is threatened.

But little of the salacious banter and verbal abuse that often crowd Channel 17 is taken seriously by the hundreds of men and women who tune their radios hourly to 27.165 megahertz.

Until early Friday morning. That's when a bomb crashed through the front window of CB enthusiast Jose Torres' home, at 1708 E North Bay St. Torres says he thinks he was the victim of a CB feud gone overboard.

The explosion, which stopped a clock at 1:57 a.m., caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage, police said.

The force of the blast shattered several windows, ripped a ragged hole in the front wall, sent shards flying into living room walls and set curtains afire. It also partly deafened Torres, who had just rushed into the living room.

Torres' fiancée, her 12-year-old daughter and Torres' 74-year-old mother were not injured in the blast, he said.

If a large television sitting inside the window had not blocked the bomb, "we wouldn't be having this conversation," said Torres, a 34-year-old who goes by the radio moniker "Greek."

"It was guaranteed to kill four people," Torres said investigators told him. Investigators also told him not to talk about what the bomb looked like.

Torres, an electronics whiz who repairs VCRs and televisions for a living, said he thinks the bombing was the work of vengeful CB fanatics.

For the past six to nine months, Torres said, he has been receiving threats over the radio from several men. He said they are jealous of his lucrative sideline business in CB equipment repair.

They've traded insults, Torres said, but over CB radio, "you really don't take that stuff seriously."

CB is where people work out frustrations. "Instead of arguing with the wife, they get on the radio and argue with someone they don't even know," Torres said.

Friday afternoon, "Blue Mule," "Charger," "Sam Cooke" and "Pistol Pete" gathered in Torres' front yard to commiserate over the nasty turn of events. Some had heard about the bombing over the CB earlier that morning around breakfast time.

"Blue Mule," known to his family as Clint Greenhalgh, said he had heard someone whispering a mysterious message over the radio: "Greek, did you like your present?"

Though festering feuds are nothing new, all of the men were appalled at the violence of the bombing and the potential for real tragedy.

Most upset was Torres' fiancée, Cindy Main, 29, who stood on a porch that another CBer had built and spoke with controlled outrage about the people who assaulted her home.

"They did not complete the job. They meant to do my family harm," Main said. "My daughter is afraid to stay here. If the man next door closes the lid on his garbage can, I jump a mile."

No one has been arrested in the bombing. The Tampa Police Department, the Fire Marshal's Office, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI are investigating.

Friday, Torres switched on his CB equipment to make a public announcement. His emotional statement contained two messages, he said.

"I wanted to tell my friends that everything was all right."

For his enemies, he had another message: "You succeeded. But I'm not taking this lying down."

— BILL DURYEA

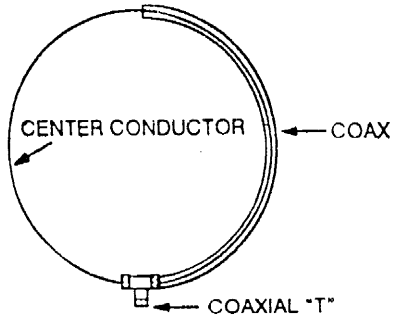
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# JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## A Quick 2-Meter DF Antenna:

Here's a quick little loop antenna for those DF hunts that can be put together in 30 minutes or less:



Start with a 38.5-inch length of RG-58/U coax. strip the outside layer of black insulation and the braided shield from half the length so that 19.5" will be left intact and 19.5" will be still covered. Connect the center conductor of the stripped end to the center conductor of a PL-259 plug. Connect only the braided shield of the other end to another PL-259 male plug, being careful to connect only the shield, not the center conductor to the center pin of the PL-259. Apply tape around the center section for more support.

Form the cable into a loop and insert the two connectors into opposite ends of a "T" coax adapter. Connect a short piece of feedline to the "T" and the other end to your receiver. This DF antenna will be accurate within a few degrees. (The ARNS Bulletin, Dec. 1991).

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## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OVHARC will be on Monday night, January 20th, 1992, at 8:00 p.m., in the basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-Op, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

Looking forward to seeing **YOU** there!!!!

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## 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 (703-361-0008). If it is interesting to you, chances are it will be interesting to others!

73

Bonnie (N4QPB)  
Editor

**YOUR FOR SALE ITEM  
COULD GO HERE !!!**

# OLE VIRGINIA HAMS

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

## NOTICES

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If you haven't sent in your Membership Renewal Application, don't forget to do so! Membership cards with the Autopatch Access Codes will be included in the February Newsletter. If you haven't sent you Application in yet, please fill out the one located on the last page of this Newsletter and send it to the Post Office Box!

### New Calls:

Mike Sever was WB3CMU. He is now KN4ON.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

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### RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WANT YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$6.00 (for each additional family member, living at the same mailing address, the dues are \$3.00)

AMOUNT YOU ARE SENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

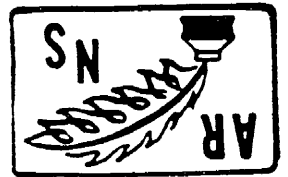
NAMES OF ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS (IF ANY): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please fill in all of the above-requested information (please PRINT) and return to the attention of the Treasurer, OVH, P.O. Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110

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TREASURER'S INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SENT TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_

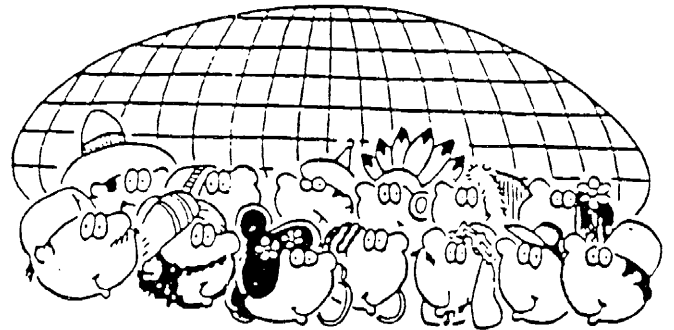
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