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### THE WORD FROM THE "POINT PERSON"

Jim, WD4OJY - President of the OVH

Hi All!

Rush hour traffic all day, crowds everywhere and cold rainy days. The holiday season for 1994 must be upon us. I hope when you read this that you are ready for your big day.

It sure was great to return to an OVH meeting and see everyone again. We had a nice turnout last month. To those I didn't get to chat with, I will look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

I understand there will be a program this month, as they have more than one waiting in the wings. As of this writing I don't know what the choice will be.

I would like to wish you all a *Happy and Safe Holiday Season*. See you at the next meeting and...

...73 for now

*Jim/WD4OJY*

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*Don't Forget...It's Time To Renew  
Your Club Membership!*

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Local information can always be obtained, at any time, through the usage of the OVH repeaters (146.97 & 224.660 Mhz). All are welcome.

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## 1994 Manassas Christmas Parade

**OVH Members****Provide Communications Support**

On Saturday, December 3, nineteen OVH members participated in the Manassas Christmas Parade by providing communication support to the parade organizers. According to Dick/WD4AZG, everything went off without a hitch! Dick also noted that this was the first time in several years that everything went smoothly. I toured the parade route and succeeded in catching some of the OVH'ers on film. The photos will be displayed at the next meeting!

The "Times" wishes to recognize the following members who donated their time to the public event, which so many children thoroughly enjoyed; Dick/WD4AZG, the club's chairperson. Art/W1CRO, Net Control. Ron/N3VS. for those roving reports, Allen/WA2GTT. and Pete/KB4RME who looked "way cool" in the lead police car! Also, Bernice/KA4SCA, Steve/N4OGR. and Jan who manned the corner at the Manassas Shopping Center. Milt/N4SN, Chuck/KE4JWY and XYL Lynn, who handled the Centreville and Sudley Road intersection. Erv/KD4DFB and Matt/KD4ZPM, who were posted at Prescott and Center Street. Charlie/WA4YGI and Cathy/KE4JWZ, who maintained order near the Chamber of Commerce. Harry "the voice of Manassas"/W4PVA, at City Hall. Along with VIP's (at least they thought and stood with them!) John/N4YOB and Bob/KE4HCX, who probably had the best seats of anyone... in the judges stands! And, Joe/AB4QV and John/KE4QMS, with the Cablevision folks.

A tremendous show was given by the Concord College marching band, from West Virginia, at the judges stands. It was a perfect ending for the Christmas Parade.

It was a terrific time and great weather, as reflected by the temperatures which hovered around the 60's. It wasn't all that long ago when I remember some of the previous parades being "bone chillers"!

Good job OVH'ers! The club was well represented and provided a valuable community service. Give yourself a pat on the back, you certainly deserve it!

See you next year at the 1995 Manassas Christmas Parade!  
The Editor/KE4HCT

# The View From Here... The Top Of The Tower

It warmed the heart to see the membership come out to the last November club meeting! Not only did the members respond, but there were enough members to constitute a quorum! Only one problem though...we didn't have anything to vote upon! Kind of an ironic situation, don't you think? If you didn't make it last month, try to make it this month. As I've stated before, come join the group and spend a hour with some very fine company. Speaking of fine company, my favorite part of the club meeting is waiting for our very own "Voice of Manassas", Harry/W4PVA, to take the podium and present his report. Have you ever noticed how many hams on the weekly OVH net, relate to Harry like kin? Interesting. Very Interesting. Maybe President Bill Clinton should come down and sit next to Harry during one of his nets.

You might say to yourself at this point, well, I wonder what "The Editor" is going to say this month? You know, I'm much like Steve/N4OGR, in the sense that there are very few times in the course of a day when I have very little or nothing to say! I've got a couple of things to mention, that may or may not need to be brought up. But since I'm the one producing the club newsletter, well, I suppose I'll just go ahead and give you my thoughts on the matters! No, I don't think it's my job as the newsletter editor to hang out the "dirty laundry", but more to persuade the club membership into a thought process which will always have different views on different issues. The bottom line of which, is simply to get the club members to stop and think a moment, express a view and then participate.

One thing did strike me a little on the uneasy side of last meeting, and that was the fact that there were very few committee reports for all the members present. Hey, all you committee chairpersons out there! Wake up and smell the coffee! Get a grip! I'm fairly certain that the club membership would like to hear the latest, even if there is none, even if you're not around to deliver it personally. Just don't think that because you're not the chairperson, only a committee member, that you can get away on the slide on this issue. Yea, yea, I know that some of our more prominent members were out attempting to shoot "Bambi and friends" this last

meeting, but how about us regular folks who showed up at the meeting? Food for thought...if you know that you're not going to be able to make the meeting for the coming month, and there's a pretty darn good chance that the club will be expecting a "report" to be given, how about taking a few extra minutes and giving that report to someone who you know will be present. One might even think about delivering a packet message to any of the club officers. It might just work! For the chairperson, this means contacting one or more of the committee members, and then passing on the word. How about it folks?

On the lighter side, let me inform you all that I survived the temporary position of Refreshment Chairperson last month! Yes, I did make it through, made it home, and felt good about myself! It really wasn't all that bad, except for the point when I purchased the ice, arrived at the meeting, and then tried to find the ice. Apparently, I have a knack of purchasing things and then walking out forgetting to take the items with me! Mary Lu: "Scott, where's the ice...where's the ice? Scott: "I dunno, I just bought it..." Please don't forget that you keep the receipts of what you purchase and then present them to the Treasurer Jimmy/WA2QEJ, who will then write you a club check for reimbursement. There is no set menu, according to Mary Lu, so each of us can experiment with what they want to bring. Personally, doughnuts were a hit last month and I wish I had brought more. How about them Bavarian cremes, Dan (KC4EWT)? So, jump in there when it's time for the 50/50 drawing and grab the bull by the horns hams! Hey! Don't forget, this is suppose to be fun, fun, fun!

I have also decided that I'm going to write Santa Claus, at the North Pole, this year for one of my Christmas presents. Yes, I know that I'm thirty something and I haven't written to Santa in quite some time (well, maybe not that long ago...I remember writing him last year asking Santa for a "date" with Princess Diana...and maybe I wasn't such a good boy as I thought!), but hey I still believe in Santa Claus! What am I going to write Santa for, you say? Well, I just want Santa to bring me some "programs" for the monthly club meetings in the coming new year! (Continued on page 4)

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I don't think that's asking too much, and I know, this one might need a little help. I wonder if the Tooth Fairy is still knocking around and available. I'll have to check it out. Unfortunately, I've heard from one member that he doesn't come anymore because the club meeting simply has the same ole format, and not much in the way of interesting activity...namely a monthly program. You can't tell me that we don't have the technical or interesting members to fill the bill, when it comes to programs.

Santa, if you really are listening...about 500' of 7/8" hard line coax and a Cushcraft tri-bandier, would certainly be a pleasant surprise under the Christmas tree! Thanks ole boy.

In concluding, let's take a moment and reflect on the holiday season upon us now. I wish each and everyone a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year! To those abroad, such as the Sever family and Jay/NS5N, I wish you all peace and goodwill. Hurry back. We should also give thanks for where we are in life today, although some of us are not in same row, it is these folks that we should extend our holiday cheer outward to. Take a moment or two and think about those less fortunate than yourself. You might be surprised to realize that they are closer to you than you might have imagined, even in our own club.

Why not make the extra effort and do something nice for these folks, and remember it doesn't have to be anything grand, it's just the thought that counts. It is this thought that will go a long way, and maybe make you contemplate what Christmas is all about.

This is a time for celebration, family and thought.

Oh, I almost forgot! My tower in the backyard grew overnight! At this time, we're 70' up with 30' more to go! My sincere thanks go out to Butchie/W4HJL, Jack/N4YIC, Alan/KD4KBX, Bob/KE4HCX (cool call sign!), Chuck/KE4JWY, Joe/AB4QV, George/N4IXV and Mike/KB4CVL aka "Tower Man". One can honestly say that this is what "amateur radio" is all about, helping each other for the common goal. It was a real learning experience and I am very grateful for the excellent help that I had. Thanks again, guys! I just hope that the weather holds off so the job can be finished soon.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. OVH!

73 de *The Editor/KE4HCT*

## ELECTRON-HOLE THEORY EXPOSED AS FRAUD !!!

How Electronic Equipment  
REALLY Works !!!

For many years, young electronic technicians have been taught the "hole" theory of electronics. This theory explains how electrons move along conductors and semiconductors. The explanation has been good enough to satisfy or keep at bay anyone who might otherwise question the theory.

However, after a number of years working in the broadcast industry, I have come to realize the "hole" explanation may not be correct.

My theory, which has been proven time and again by personal observation, is that electronics work on smoke. Yes, that's right. I recently learned that every manufacturer encapsulates a certain amount of smoke in every piece of electronic component he builds. The smoke is what does the work. You have probably noticed

that a component will quit working when the smoke leaks out. I've documented this many times and it conclusively proves my theory. My theory sure beats the "hole" theory. I've never seen holes in a wire, and why don't electrons pour out of the end of the wire, if the wire is broken?

Thanks to *Milt/N4SN*,  
who picked this tidbit up a few years ago. Author is unknown.

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# FCC AMENDS PART 97 RULES

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## Changes Effective December 20, 1994!!!

On October 24, 1994, the FCC released a seven page order titled "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Change Procedures for Filing an Amateur Service License Application and to Make Other Procedural Changes". Why is this so important to us? According to the FCC, these rule changes are non-substantive, and thus no "Notice and Comment" was required, which means that these rule changes become effective on December 20, 1994. There is one particular rule change that could directly affect the status of your license, if you're not careful. Follow along, please.

According to the W5YI report, the major objective of all the rule changes were to facilitate the amateur licensee data entry and license grant by electronic means. Also, it was intended to allow for the addition of a sixth license class, the Technician Plus.

I have included major parts of the text of the Order, and listed all rule section changes, for the membership's review.

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### 1. The Order

This Order amends the amateur service rules to provide an electronic filing capability to the volunteer-examiner coordinators (VECs) to clarify that amateur station and operator licenses are authorized as soon as the license data is entered into the Commission's license data base, and to reflect other nonsubstantive procedural changes.

### 2. Electronically-filed license applications.

Successful license examinees want their licenses granted as soon as possible so that they can operate their amateur stations. Recent modernization of the Commission's data processing capabilities makes it possible to greatly reduce the time it takes for us to grant licenses in the amateur service.

By accepting from the VEC's electronically filed data from the applications for new and upgraded amateur operator licenses, the time and effort required for the VEC's to send and for the Commission to receive, application documents by mail would be eliminated. All of the VEC's have notified us that they want to begin electronic filing of license application data as soon as possible.

We are, accordingly, amending Section 97.519 to enable a VEC to forward electronically the data from the application document for the examination sessions it coordinates. VEC's may continue to send by mail to our license processing facility the application documents.

### 3. License Grant

The decision to grant a license occurs when our license processing facility enters the data into the amateur service licensee data base. Currently, however, the new licensee must delay beginning operation until a license document can be printed, mailed and delivered. This procedure can result in several weeks delay during which the licensee cannot operate an amateur station. Fortunately, information technology is making our amateur service licensee data base more widely available, thus eliminating the need for an amateur operator to hold a license document before exercising the privileges authorized by the grant of the license. [The amateur service licensee data base is available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161 (703) 487-4600 or 1-800-553-NTIS.]

We are amending the rules, therefore to authorize operation on the basis of the license data appearing in the amateur service licensee data base.

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#### 4. Procedural Changes

Beginning in 1995 (exact date not set as of yet) our new system will give our license processing facility the capability to make timely mailing to a licensee's address of record a renewal short form (FCC Form 610-R) filled in and ready for signature.

We are amending our rules, therefore, to allow this form to be used.

We are also combining into Section 97.509 all of the administering volunteer examiner (VE) requirements that are presently stated in four separate rule sections and adding new Section 97.511 Examinee Conduct to emphasize that an examinee must comply with the instructions given by the administering VE's. Further, we are amending Section 97.9 to treat Technician Plus as a license class. Technician Plus means that a Technician Class licensee has also passed a telegraphy examination.

5. We firmly believe in the principle that government should be responsive to user needs. The rules that we are amending will enable us to use procedures that are responsive to requests from VE's, VECs and applicants that the Commission reduce the time it takes to authorize new amateur service licensees to operate their stations. When these procedures are fully implemented, such authorizations will be made very quickly. These amendments have been made possible through modernization of the Commission's and the VEC's data processing capabilities.

**6. Because the rule amendments adopted herein are nonsubstantive in nature, the notice and comment provisions of Section 533 of the Administrative Procedure Act need not be complied with.**

Accordingly, **IT IS Ordered that effective December 20, 1994, Part 97 of the Commission's Rules IS AMENDED as set forth below.** The Order is signed by Ralph A. Haller, Chief, Private Radio Bureau.

#### *SECTION 97.5 STATION LICENSE REQUIRED*

97.5 IS AMENDED BY REVISING THE ENTIRE TEXT. THE CURRENT RULES REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICANTS "HOLD AN FCC ISSUED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION". THE NEW RULES OMIT THE WORDS "WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION", BUT INSTEAD REFERS TO STATION LICENSE GRANTS. THIS NOW MEANS THAT YOU DON'T NEED THE HARD COPY FCC LICENSE TO BEGIN OPERATION.

#### *SECTION 97.7 CONTROL OPERATOR REQUIRED*

THE CURRENT RULES REQUIRE THAT "ONLY A PERSON HOLDING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MAY BE THE CONTROL OPERATOR OF A STATION". THE NEW RULES STATE THAT "THE CONTROL OPERATOR MUST BE A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED AN AMATEUR OPERATOR/PRIMARY STATION LICENSE OR WHO HOLDS AN UNEXPIRED DOCUMENT...". THIS AGAIN ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF NOT HAVING TO PHYSICALLY HOLD A FCC LICENSE.

#### *SECTION 97.9 OPERATOR LICENSE*

THE CURRENT RULES REFER TO ONLY FIVE CLASSES. THE NEW RULES ADD THE "TECHNICIAN PLUS" AS THE SIXTH CLASS. AGAIN, THE WORDING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM "HOLDING A ...LICENSE" TO "GRANTED AN OPERATOR LICENSE".

#### *SECTION 97.17 APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENSE OR RECIPROCAL PERMIT FOR ALIEN AMATEUR LICENSE*

WORDING WAS DELETED THAT THE "FCC WILL NOT GRANT ANY REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC CALL SIGN", ANTICIPATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW VANITY CALL SIGN PROGRAM.

#### *SECTION 97.21 APPLICATION FOR A MODIFIED OR RENEWED LICENSE*

THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FCC FORM 610-R.

(A) A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED AN AMATEUR STATION

LICENSE THAT HAS NOT EXPIRED

(B) MAY APPLY FOR A RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE FOR ANOTHER TERM. (THE FCC MAY MAIL TO THE LICENSEE A FCC FORM 610-R THAT MAY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.) THE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE ON THE FCC FORM 610-R IF IT IS RECEIVED FROM THE FCC. IF THE FORM 610-R IS NOT RECEIVED FROM THE FCC AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE LICENSE FOR AN OPERATOR/PRIMARY STATION LICENSE, THE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE ON FCC FORM 610.

(C) EACH APPLICATION FOR A MODIFIED OR RENEWED AMATEUR SERVICE LICENSE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTOCOPY (OR THE ORIGINAL) OF THE LICENSE DOCUMENT UNLESS AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL USING FCC FORM 610-R IS BEING MADE, OR UNLESS THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT HAS BEEN LOST, MUTILATED, OR DESTROYED.

#### *SECTION 97.23 MAILING ADDRESS*

THE NEW RULES REQUIRE SOME SERIOUS ATTENTION BY ALL, IN THIS AREA. WORDING HAS BEEN ADDED THAT "PROVIDES FOR THE REVOCATION OF THE STATION LICENSE OR SUSPENSION OF THE OPERATOR'S LICENSE MAY RESULT WHEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FCC IS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE THE PERSON FAILED TO PROVIDE THE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS". NOTE THAT THIS DOESN'T EVEN MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS, BUT JUST GENERALLY NOT PROVIDING THE CORRECT ADDRESS. BEWARE AND FOREWARNED! YOU MIGHT TAKE SOME COMFORT IN NOTING THAT THE WORDING "SHALL" IS NOT TO BE FOUND IN THE NEW RULES. YET, I DON'T THINK THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SEE "HOW LUCKY YOU FEEL" (HINT - DIRTY HARRY!).

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**SECTION 97.25 LICENSE TERM**

THE NEW RULES CHANGE THE WORDING OF "AN AMATEUR SERVICE LICENSE IS NORMALLY ISSUED FOR A 10-YEAR TERM" TO "AN AMATEUR SERVICE LICENSE IS NORMALLY GRANTED FOR A 10-YEAR TERM".

**SECTION 97.27 FCC MODIFICATION OF STATION LICENSE**

THERE IS NO CHANGE HERE, EXCEPT THE SECTION HAS BEEN RENUMBERED FROM 97.25 TO 97.27.

**SECTION 97.29 REPLACEMENT LICENSE DOCUMENT**

THE NEW RULES CHANGE THE WORDING TO PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN "GRANTED AN AMATEUR STATION LICENSE" WHOSE ORIGINAL LICENSE IS LOST, MUTILATED OR DESTROYED, MUST REQUEST A REPLACEMENT".

**SECTION 97.301 AUTHORIZED FREQUENCY BANDS**

AGAIN, THE WORDING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM "HOLDING" TO "GRANTED AN OPERATOR LICENSE". ALSO THE SECTION SPELLS OUT THE FREQUENCY PRIVILEGES OF THE "TECHNICIAN PLUS" CLASS LICENSE.

**SECTION 97.501 QUALIFYING FOR AN AMATEUR OPERATOR LICENSE**

ONCE AGAIN, THE WORDING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO REFLECT THE TERM "GRANT". "EACH APPLICANT FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW AMATEUR OPERATOR LICENSE...". ALSO, THE SECTION DEFINES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "TECHNICIAN PLUS" CLASS LICENSE.

**SECTION 97.505 ELEMENT CREDIT**

THE NEW RULES PROVIDE ELEMENT 1 (A), 2 AND 3(A) EXAMINATION CREDIT FOR THE "TECHNICIAN PLUS" CLASS OPERATOR LICENSE.

**SECTION 97.507 PREPARING AN EXAMINATION**

THE NEW RULES NOW PROVIDE THAT THE "TECHNICIAN PLUS" CLASS OPERATORS MAY PREPARE ELEMENT 2 (NOVICE) EXAMINATIONS.

**SECTION 97.509 ADMINISTERING VE REQUIREMENTS**

THE NEW RULES NOW ADDS THE "TECHNICIAN PLUS" CLASS OPERATORS TO THE LIST OF CLASSES THAT MAY ADMINISTER NOVICE AND TECHNICIAN CLASS LICENSE EXAMINATIONS. SECTIONS 97.511, 97.515 AND 97.517 HAVE ALSO BEEN ADDED INTO THIS SECTION. THESE SECTIONS HAVE BEEN DELETED AND RESERVED.

**SECTION 97.511 EXAMINEE CONDUCT**

THE NEW RULES STATE THAT "EACH EXAMINEE MUST COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE ADMINISTERING VES"

**SECTION 97.519 COORDINATING EXAMINATION SESSIONS**

THE NEW RULES STATE THAT "AT THE COMPLETION OF EACH EXAMINATION SESSION, THE COORDINATING VEC MUST COLLECT THE FCC FORMS 610 DOCUMENTS AND TEST RESULTS FROM THE ADMINISTERING VES. WITHIN 10 DAYS OF COLLECTING THE FCC FORMS 610 DOCUMENTS, THE COORDINATING VEC MUST SCREEN AND, FOR QUALIFIED EXAMINEE, FORWARD ELECTRONICALLY OR ON DISKETTE THE DATA CONTAINED ON THE FCC FORM 610 DOCUMENTS... WHEN DATA IS FORWARDED ELECTRONICALLY, THE COORDINATING VEC MUST RETAIN THE FCC FORMS 610 DOCUMENTS FOR AT LEAST 15 MONTHS AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE FCC UPON REQUEST".

WSYI REPORT & KE4HCT

**Editors' Note -**

I hope this information provides some insight on the new changes that will take effect shortly after you receive this issue of the *OVH Times*. The only question or topic that I would comment on, is that these new amendments appear to be quite substantial in effect. I suppose that I would beg to differ with the FCC!

The Editor/KE4HCT

## New Exam Fees Set By FCC

The WSYI report reported that on October 31, 1994, that the FCC announced that the maximum allowable reimbursement fee for amateur operator license examinations will be \$5.92. The amount is based on the Department of Labor Consumer Price Index between Sept. '93 and Sept. '94. This fee increase will become effective on January 1, 1995.

Volunteer examiners (VEs) and volunteer examiner coordinators (VECs) may charge the examinee for out of pocket expenses incurred in preparing, processing, administering or coordinating examinations for amateur operator licenses. All ARRL and WSYI VECs will charge a test fee of \$5.90 in 1995. Apparently, the VECs don't want to deal with the pennies! So, hit your piggy banks and scrape up some more change, and hope that you pass on the first attempt!

WSYI Report/KE4HCT

## QST DE W1AW

FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CT NOVEMBER 18, 1994  
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

**ELECTION RESULTS**

THE ARRL COMMITTEE OF TELLERS FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND VICE DIRECTORS FOR THE 1995 THROUGH 1996 TERM MET AT ARRL HEADQUARTERS NOVEMBER 18 TO COUNT BALLOTS. HERE ARE THE RESULTS.

ROANOKE DIVISION FOR DIRECTOR,  
JOHN KANODE, N4MM, 3073.  
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EDWARD DINGLER, N4KSO, 407.  
ROANOKE DIVISION FOR VICE DIRECTOR,  
DENNIS BODSON, W4PWF, 2758.  
ROBERT PATTISON, KM4DU, 1190.

IN EACH CASE THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES WAS DECLARED ELECTED. THE TERMS OF OFFICE ARE FOR TWO YEARS, BEGINNING AT NOON JANUARY 1, 1995.

COURTESY OF MILT/N4SN

**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 1994**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. There were 26 members and 4 guests present for a total attendance of 30.

The Pledge of Allegiance by all members, oral roll call, and signing of the attendance list opened the meeting, which was presided over by Jim, WD4OJY, club president.

Jim noted the relatively large number of visitors and welcomed them on behalf of the club.

There was no program at this meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports from the Finance, Technical, Packet, Computer, Scholarship, Field Day, or Program Committees, nor from the Treasurer, nor from the FAR Representative.

Harry, W4PVA, reported that the exam session held on November 19 had ten examinees, four from the club's recently concluded license class.

Erv, KD4DFB, gave the Education Committee report. Of five students initially in the club's class, four completed the class and passed their Technician exams.

Scott, KE4HCT, gave the Newsletter Committee report. Photographs were included in the most recent newsletter, but some more work is needed to improve their appearance. Field Day results were published, including impressive finishes at fourth and fifth positions in category 6A by WWI and MVARC respectively.

He added that the club and its newsletter are now participants in the Amateur Radio News Service.

Scott also gave the Hamfest Committee report. The Committee is considering alternate sites for future hamfests if the recent escalation in fairground rental costs continues. Per Ken, KM4UH, the 1995 hamfest has been registered with the ARRL and will appear in January's QST.

Jim, WD4OJY, described the 50-50 drawing for the benefit of visitors and new members and invited all to participate.

Jim also reported that the Membership Committee had no old business.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim mentioned that some photographs from Jamboree On The Air from Jack, N4YIC, were on display at the front table.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dick, WD4AZG, made a call for volunteers for the Manassas Christmas parade, which will be held this year on Saturday, December 3. The club usually provides help in pacing the parade and updating the sequence of participants for the judges. He briefly discussed ground rules and said that although the parade starts at 10:30 AM, club members will convene at the DMV office for coordination at about 8 AM and then move to their assigned locations. The parade usually ends at about 12 or 12:30 PM.

Scott, KE4HCT, invited all to participate in the 50-50 drawing,

noting that wider participation would result in wider distribution of refreshment responsibilities.

Harry, W4PVA, spoke briefly about an NPRM described in a recent W5YI report. The Notice called for the revocation of amateur radio licenses if FCC correspondence to the licensee's mailing address of record was returned as undeliverable. The OVH weekly net will be held as usual on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. The net is also held on Christmas and New Year's Day when they fall on Thursdays.

Jim, WD4OJY, read applications for membership from Richard Wons, awaiting call; Rita Wons, awaiting call; John Spillman, N9YTN; and John Miller, KE4QMS.

Scott, KE4HCT, reminded club members that newsletter contributions may be left on his packet mailbox 24 hours a day.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Ken, N4LTU, who donated the proceeds to the club. Erv, KD4DFB, agreed to assume the refreshment duties for the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ivan Reeder, KD4DFD*  
Secretary

#### **WANTED - JOB LEADS**

Procurement (Buyer) for Government Programs (FAR/DAR) or Multi-Position job with a small business.

Call Joe/AB4QV (703) 369-5636



# OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

December 19, 1994 - January 29, 1995

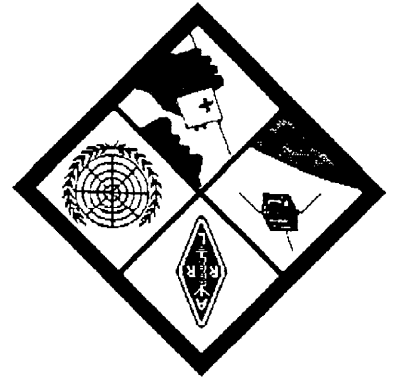


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>December 19</b> 8:00 PM MEETING - OLE VIRGINIA HAMS 8:00 PM NET-WD&C WIRELESS-147.240-223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	<b>December 20</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>December 21</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 <i>Winter begins</i>	<b>December 22</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	<b>December 23</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>December 25</b> 8:00 PM CAPITAL AREA AREA NET/146.91 9:00 PM NET-AM&C/146.835 Christmas
<b>December 26</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240-223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	<b>December 27</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>December 28</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 Woodrow Wilson (1856)	<b>December 29</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ Andrew Johnson (1808)	<b>December 30</b> WIAW QUAL RIJN	<b>December 31</b> New Year's Eve ARRL Straight Key Night	<b>January 1</b> 8:00 PM CAPITAL AREA AREA NET/146.91 9:00 PM NET-AM&C/146.835 New Year's Day
<b>January 2</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240-223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	<b>January 3</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>January 4</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165	<b>January 5</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	<b>January 6</b>	<b>January 7</b> Millard Hillmore (1800) VEC - DAVIDSONVILLE, MD North America CW QSO Party ARRL RITY Roundup	<b>January 8</b> 8:00 PM CAPITAL AREA AREA NET/146.91 9:00 PM NET-AM&C/146.835 Pi Quarter VEC - LANDOVER, MD
<b>January 9</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240-223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 Richard M. Nixon 82nd Birthday	<b>January 10</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>January 11</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165	<b>January 12</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 14</b> VEC - ALEXANDRIA, VA North America SSB QSO Party Hungarian DX Contest	<b>January 15</b> 8:00 PM CAPITAL AREA AREA NET/146.91 9:00 PM NET-AM&C/146.835 RICHMOND PROTESTEST
<b>January 16</b> 8:00 PM MEETING - OLE VIRGINIA HAMS 8:00 PM NET-WD&C WIRELESS-147.240-223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 Martin Luther King, Jr.	<b>January 17</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>January 18</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 BARC Mini-Fest	<b>January 19</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	<b>January 20</b>	<b>January 21</b> VEC - LAUREL, MD ARRL VIIIF Sweepstakes	<b>January 22</b> 8:00 PM DISTRICT 1 AREA NET/145.21 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA AREA NET/146.91 9:00 PM NET-AM&C/146.835 COLUMBIA HAMFEST
<b>January 23</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240-223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 Last Quarter ARRL VIIIF Sweepst...	<b>January 24</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655 VEC - GLEN BURNIE, MD	<b>January 25</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165	<b>January 26</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	<b>January 27</b> VEC - PENTAGON CQ World-Wide 160 M DX Contest	<b>January 28</b> VEC - WASHINGTON, DC	<b>January 29</b> 8:00 PM DISTRICT 1 AREA NET/145.21 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA AREA NET/146.91 9:00 PM NET-AM&C/146.835 William Tell Party (US 1) SWAFFEST-MD



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# NEXT OVH MEETING JANUARY 16, 1994

**STARTING TIME: 8:00PM**

**AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, LOCATED AT NOVEC,  
ON LOMOND DR.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**