

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

The OVH ARC Newsletter

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

Repeater -- WA4FPM -- 146.970 Out/146.370 In -- 224.660 Out/223.060 In  
OVH Nodes -- 145.030 -- 223.540  
BBS -- BBSHRG/N4WJN

## JANUARY 1994

### RADIO SHOW GOES NATIONAL

From: W1AW @ W1AW

A local radio program on Amateur Radio went nationwide beginning Sunday, November 28. "Ham Radio and More," hosted by Len Winkler, KB7LPW, from KFNN in Phoenix, will be made available to the 82 member stations on the Talk America Network (TAN) at 6 p.m. EST on the 28th.

The show, now in its third year on KFNN, is non-technical and intended to appeal to licensed amateurs as well as the general public. Well-known amateurs are guests on the show, which runs 2 hours locally but which will last 1 hour in the network version.

Winkler says a grass-roots effort by hams is needed to make the national broadcasts a success. Amateurs are asked to call their local talk radio station (TAN affiliate or not) and encourage them to air "Ham Radio and More."

Winkler's first national guest on November 28 was Frank Moore, WA1URA, a television executive in Fort Wayne, IN, and producer of an award-winning documentary video about Amateur Radio's role in communications from Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation in 1990 and early 1991.

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Amateurs can find out the call signs of stations in their area affiliated with TAN by calling KFNN at 602-241-1510. The show also can be heard via Satcom C-5, transponder 19, 6.0 audio, and Galaxy 2, transponder 3, audio 55.4.

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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 20, 1993

The OVH December, 1993 Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. There were 36 members and 5 guests present for a total attendance of 41.

The Pledge of Allegiance by all members, oral roll call, and signing of the attendance list opened the meeting which was presided over by Butch, N6NSM, Club President.

Mike, WV3H, Club Treasurer, was not present and no treasurers report for December was available.

There was a program at this meeting. Joe Kasser, G3ZCZ, creator of LANLINK packet software gave a presentation to the members about packet radio. He covered all the different modes of packet (HF, VHF, etc.), gave a general overview of BBS's, nodes, and paths, and discussed all the other pieces and parts of packet radio including LANLINK as an Artificial Intelligence (AI) product.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports from the Technical, Packet, Public Service, Membership, F.A.R., and Computer Committees.

The Finance Committee, represented by Tim, KB4NR, presented the 1994 Club budget. Highlights included increases in scholarship and WESTLINK amounts, and adding packet funds. Motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the 1994 budget.

The Education Committee, John, N4YOB, reported that the new no-code Tech classes had ended. 4 people completed the class. Starting April 5, 1994, a combined code/no-code class will start and continue through the week after the Hamfest.

The Scholarship Committee report, given by Pete, KB4RME, stated that there will be 5 different awards given out in 1994. They are \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 awards. The high schools included will be all those in Prince William County (as amended by a motion that was unanimously passed). The requirements for the scholarships will be sent to the schools with a requested return date by May 1, 1994.

The Hamfest Committee report was given by Jim, N3ODZ. He said that the committee chairmen had their first meeting and that they would be getting in touch with the various committee chairpersons. He also confirmed that the Club does have the fairground in June, 1994.

Butch, W4HJL, mentioned that the Nominating Committee would be meeting in January to select a new slate of officers for the Club for 1994. Elections will be held in February for the new officers as well as possible changes to the Clubs by-laws (or those changes may be voted on later in the Spring).

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott, KE4HCT, asked if the Club was interested in putting a weather alert feature on the 146.97 MHz controller. The cost would be about \$96. The 146.91 MHz repeater currently has this feature installed. It would be a safety feature primarily for severe changes in weather such as tornadoes, etc. A message check FOR WEATHER ALERT would be broadcast on the repeater. This feature could also bring up the NOAA weather radio broadcast (from 162.55 MHz). Scott will get with Jim, WA2QEJ to develop plan and cost. Club approved, by unanimous vote, to allocate \$100 contingent on the approval of the technical committee of the plan.

Pete, KB4RME, made a motion to donate money budgeted for 1994 to WESTLINK as soon as possible. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Steve, N4OGR, told the Club about the hats he was getting ready to order. These would be Club hats with the Club logo of them. They will be light blue. The cost is \$8 plus tax unless we get a large order (?). The company we are getting them from all ready has the setup for the logo. To-date, Steve has orders for 15 hats.

There was no 50-50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Everett, NV3S  
Club Secretary

## MAJOR CONTESTS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CONTEST</u>	<u>SCOPE</u>	<u>EXCHANGE</u>	<u>RULES</u>
JAN	ARRL VHF SWEEPSTAKES	PRIMARILY W/VE	GRID-SQUARE LOCATOR	DEC QST
	CQ WORLDWIDE 160-METER INTERNATIONAL CONTEST (CW)		W/VE: SIGNAL REPORT AND STATE/PROVINCE DX: SIGNAL REPORT AND COUNTRY	DEC CQ JAN QST
	ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP	INTERNATIONAL	W/VE: SIGNAL REPORT AND STATE/PROVINCE DX: SIGNAL REPORT AND SERIAL NUMBER	DEC QST
FEB	ARRL NOVICE ROUNDUP	NOVICE/TECHS WORK OTHERS	SIGNAL REPORT AND ARRL SECTION	JAN QST
	ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX	WORK DX	W/VE: SIGNAL REPORT AND STATE/PROVINCE DX: SIGNAL REPORT AND POWER	DEC QST
	CW WORLDWIDE 160-METER CONTEST (PHONE)	INTERNATIONAL	W/VE: SIGNAL REPORT AND STATE/PROVINCE DX: SIGNAL REPORT AND COUNTRY	DEC CQ JAN QST

### FAMOUS HAMS

from  
"THE WATAUGA WAVELENGTH"  
JANUARY 94 ISSUE  
ORIGINAL SOURCE : MOTOR CITY RADIO CLUB

HAVE YOU EVER WORKED?:

BARRY GOLDWATER	K7UGA	FORMER SENATOR
WALTER CRONKITE	KB2GSD	NEWS ANCHOR
CHETATKINS	WA4CZD	COUNTRY MUSICIAN
RONNIE MILSAP	WB4KCG	COUNTRY SINGER
KING HUSSEIN	JY1	KING OF JORDAN
JOE WALSH	WB6ACU	ROCK STAR
FRNEST LEHMAN	K6DXX	SCREEN WRITER
MARY SHANDLING	KD6OY	COMEDIAN
MARLON BRANDO	FO8GQ	ACTOR
ANDY GRIFFITH	WA7WYV	ACTOR

### TRAINING

Basic I classes -

Saturday, January 15, 9:00 a.m. to noon. at Sterling Forecast Office.  
Instructor: Melody Hall

Saturday, February 12, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Sterling Forecast Office.  
Instructor: Alan Nierow

Thursday, February 24, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., at Sterling Forecast Office.  
Instructor: Melody Hall

Basic II classes - (you must have attended a Basic I class)

Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., at Sterling Forecast Office.  
Instructor: Barbara McNaught

### Winter Storm Reports and SKYWARN activation (taken from SKYWARN NEWSLETTER Nov 1993)

SKYWARN will be activated when a Winter Storm, Ice Storm, or Blizzard Warning is issued. SKYWARN Spotters will make reports when any of the criteria listed below are reached. Reports should be called in as soon as possible once the criterion is met even if SKYWARN has not officially been activated. The SKYWARN amateur radio net will be active during warnings. Reports may be gathered on an hourly basis (such as snow depth) though emergency reports such as wind damage or heavy ice accumulation will be received at anytime on 147.300 MHz.

Winter Storm Criteria for calling:

**1. Snow - 4 inches has fallen.** You can update this report at your discretion, or every two or so additional inches, or call in on the hour round-up on the amateur radio net. This helps us with an ongoing assessment of the storm.

**2. Snowfall Total** - This is the second most critical report. Once the snow has completely stopped, call NWS with your total snowfall amount. This goes into the record books.

**3. Thundersnow** - If it is snowing and you see lightning or hear thunder, please contact us. While we have Lightning Detection Equipment, it detects only cloud-to-ground lightning strokes and often winter storms contain a lot of in-cloud lightning. Thunderstorms can dump a heavy snow in a short amount of time causing a snow emergency.

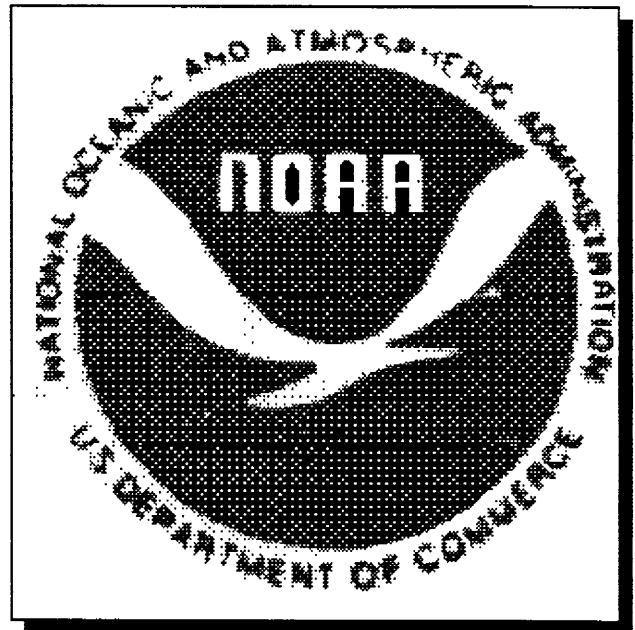
**4. Ice** - Report ice any time you see trees, wires, or roadways beginning to accumulate ice. Report the amount of ice that is accumulating (half an inch on trees, etc).

**5. Wind** - If it is not snowing, report 50 mph or greater winds or report when damage is occurring such as tree or structural damage. If it is snowing, report winds of 35 mph or more. This is strong enough to cause white-out or blizzard conditions.

Winter Storm class -

Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., at Sterling Forecast Office.  
Instructor: Barbara McNaught

You must register for all SKYWARN classes. For more information or to register, call 703-260-0107, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, listen to NOAA Weather Radio for class announcements.



## THE OVH CLASSIFIEDS

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### Wanted:

MFH Hard disk controller with floppy drive controller for a Seagate drive Model #ST-251, A Seagate ST-22M is the recommended card. I would also be interested in a terminating resistor for a Seagate ST-251.

Contact: Jim (WD4OJY) @ 703 369 3940 - evenings or on packet, either direct or via N4WJN.

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### For Sale:

Tandy DMP-132 Printer	\$100.00
Panasonic KX-P2624 24-Pin Dot Matrix Printer	\$300.00
MFJ-1278 Multimode TNC/Software/Docs	\$250.00

Contact: J Edgar (NS5N) @ 703 330 7333

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### For Sale:

MFJ-931 MFJ Artificial Ground	\$55.00
Seagate ST-277 65Mbyte drive with RLL 1:1 controller (AT BUS)	\$325.00
Genoa EGA Card Super Hi-Res 800x600	\$70.00
Central Point Software COPY II Board	\$25.00
Sound Board (B.G. Micro)	\$20.00
Future Domain-TMC-850MEX SCSI Controller (f/u/w CD-ROM only - no floppy or HD support)	\$20.00
286 Motherboard w/1mbyte RAM and Coprocessor	\$125.00

Contact: Mike (KC4ZNQ) @ 703 335 5031 or on packet, direct (MBX KC4ZNQ-1) or via KF4TE (145.07).

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### FREE!

One box of Vacuum Cleaner Bags with spare NEW brush for a Bissel Electric Broom.

Contact: Harry (W4PVA) @ 703 368 6050

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### For Sale:

Yaesu FT757 GX II HF Transceiver in mint condition with Box, Mobile Mount and Manual. Firm Price: \$695.00

Contact: George (N4IXV) @ 703 368 2732

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### FOR SALE:

ICOM 725 HF Transceiver. This transceiver is a current production model in excellent condition with all documentation and boxes. \$600.00

SB 200 Heath Kit Kilowatt Amplifier. Very Clean but needs new final Tubes. \$285.00

Heath Kit HD 4040 Packet Termina Node Controller (TNC). Was formally use at K4LLQ-5 digi. \$60.00

RG-11 72 ohm Coax Brand New. 0.15/foot

Copies of QST Sept 93 antenna article are available to help you get started building.

Toshiba T1000 Laptop Internal Modem, Brand New, Never installed with all documentation and original box. \$40.00

Antenna Rotator for light weight HF Beam or any VHF Beam. Set to direction and it rotates to that direction. \$35.00

### WANTED:

Trying to locate old RTTY Converter Units such as ST-7, Flesher TU470, any HAL unit.

Contact: Larry, K4LLQ @ 703-347-7609.

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### For Sale:

IBM PC/XT w/320k, 1 Floppy Drive, Hard Drive	350.00
Princeton HX-12 Color Monitor	350.00
Epson FX-85 Dot Matrix Printer	200.00

Contact: Christopher K. Gatti @ 703-369-1543

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### For Sale:

Logitech Serial Mouse	45.00
GVC 1200 Baud External Modem (as-is)	5.00
MFJ 901B 200W Antenna Tuner	30.00
WYSE-50 Dumb Terminal	40.00
Epson EX-800 Dot Matrix Printer	75.00

Contact: Ron (NV3S) @ 703-330-1213

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### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB will be on January 17, 1994, in the Basement Meeting Room of the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, 10323 Lomond Drive, Manassas, VA. The meeting starts at 8:00 PM and all are welcome to attend.

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# DID YOU FORGET?

did, but I didn't mean to. It is time for those annual dues again. I should have remembered to make the renewal part of the LAST newsletter, but I forgot, BIG-TIME. Well, I remembered this time, so for those of you who are as forgetful as I am, attached below is a renewal form. Hope the holidays were kind to you.

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## TEST RESULTS 11 DECEMBER VE SESSION

## UPGRADES

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>PASSED</u>	<u>FAILED</u>		
1B		1	TECHNICIAN	3
			TECHNICIAN PLUS	1
			EXTRA	1
2	3		EXAMINERS AVAILABLE	9
3A	5	1	CANDIDATES	8
4B	1			

It should be noted the low turn out was due to about 8 examining sessions in the local area the same day.

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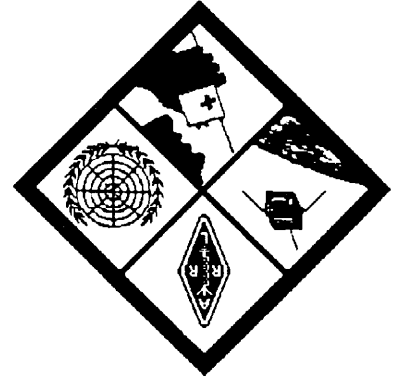
## January 16 - February 26, 1994



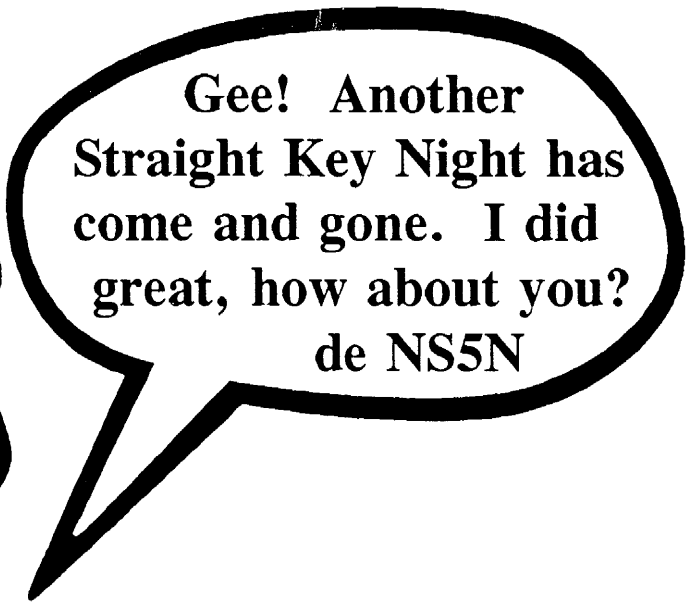
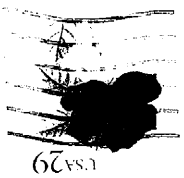
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Jan 16</b> RICHMOND FROSTFEST AMSAT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 1300 10-10 NET (28.340)	<b>Jan 17</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2000 MEETING-OLE VIRGINIA HAMS</div> 2000 NET-WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS-147.84 MHz/223.18 MHz	<b>Jan 18</b> MEETING-SPARK	<b>Jan 19</b> B.A.R.C. MINIFEST TIMONIUM 2000 NET-FARA-147.165 MHz 2000 NET-NVFMA-146.79 MHz	<b>Jan 20</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2000 NET-OVH-146.970 MHz/224.66 MHz</div>	<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Jan 22</b>
<b>Jan 23</b> COLUMBIA AREA AMATEUR CLUB HAMFEST 1300 10-10 NET (28.340)	<b>Jan 24</b> 2000 NET-WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS-147.84 MHz/223.18 MHz	<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Jan 26</b> 2000 NET-FARA-147.165 MHz 2000 NET-NVFMA-146.79 MHz	<b>Jan 27</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2000 NET-OVH-146.970 MHz/224.66 MHz</div>	<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Jan 29</b> 1000 MEETING-MOOSE ARC
<b>Jan 30</b> VEC HAGERSTOWN, MD 1300 10-10 NET (28.340)	<b>Jan 31</b> 2000 NET-WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS-147.84 MHz/223.18 MHz	<b>Feb 1</b> MEETING-SPARK	<b>Feb 2</b> 2000 NET-FARA-147.165 MHz 2000 NET-NVFMA-146.79 MHz	<b>Feb 3</b> 1930 MEETING-VA BEACH ARC <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2000 NET-OVH-146.970 MHz/224.66 MHz</div>	<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>Feb 5</b>
<b>Feb 6</b> 1300 10-10 NET (28.340)	<b>Feb 7</b> 2000 NET-WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS-147.84 MHz/223.18 MHz	<b>Feb 8</b> 1930 MEETING-FARA	<b>Feb 9</b> 2000 NET-FARA-147.165 MHz 2000 NET-NVFMA-146.79 MHz	<b>Feb 10</b> 1930 MEETING-WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2000 NET-OVH-146.970 MHz/224.66 MHz</div>	<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>
<b>Feb 13</b> 1300 10-10 NET (28.340)	<b>Feb 14</b> 2000 NET-WOODBRIDGE WIRELESS-147.84 MHz/223.18 MHz	<b>Feb 15</b> MEETING-SPARK	<b>Feb 16</b> 2000 NET-FARA-147.165 MHz 2000 NET-NVFMA-146.79 MHz	<b>Feb 17</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2000 NET-OVH-146.970 MHz/224.66 MHz</div>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>
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Gee! Another  
Straight Key Night has  
come and gone. I did  
great, how about you?  
de NS5N

**DUES ARE DUE!!!**