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THE WORD FROM THE "POINT PERSON"

Jim. WD4OJY - President of the OVH

Hi All!

Before I go any farther, please note, there WILL be a meeting this month! Same place, same time and of course, the third Monday.

I want to thank Erv/KD4DFB for filling in while I was away, and I'm glad everything went well and that he had a good time. I missed being there and seeing everyone, but mostly I missed the anxiety and anticipation I feel, as I wait for the outcome of the 50-50 drawing. Oh Well, maybe this month.

The meeting attendance is low. We need a minimum number of members at each meeting in order to get approval to get some things done within the club. One thing is to vote in new members. It is your club and certainly wouldn't be a bad idea for you to come in and keep track of what's going on, and have a say in it's outcome.

Well, that's all for now. Don't forget, there will be an OVH club meeting this month. See you there and...73 for now.

Jim/WD4OJY

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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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JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

**OVH Club Members Team Up With Boy
Scouts For The
37TH ANNUAL JAMBOREE!**

Several OVH Hams took part in the 1994 Jamboree by inviting Cub Scouts and Webelos from Pack 1195, National Capitol Area, to their homes on the weekend of October 15th. They contacted other Ham stations within the U.S. and around the world and allowed the young scouts to talk to other scouts via the radio. In some cases, the Boy Scout Troops were set up in the field at Camporees all over the country (much like we do at our annual Field Day).

Each ham had a little different approach to the Event. Some even showed the boys videos before explaining the necessary steps of calling and conversing on the air. One station talked to a Ham Operator who has been a Scout since 1929.

Some also got in touch with an OVH member who is presently in England; Mike/G0VEZ. He was operating station GB4BSA and listening for us. From all accounts, the boys were excited and enthusiastic about their experiences and may pursue an interest in ham radio even after obtaining their merit badges.

Many thanks to all the OVH HAMS who took their time and participated in this worthwhile endeavor. The ones we know about were: Butch/W4HJL, Jack/N4YIC, Joe/K4FPT, Charlie/WA4YGI and Art/W1CRO. Maybe next year we will plan a Field Day type set-up and operate in a central location.

It's something to think about!

- Mary Lu/KB4EFP

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

I am very pleased to announce that in this month's OVH Times, we have two new contributing *international* columnists, with their first pieces for inclusion in the OVH Times! We'll hear from two of our OVH members who are abroad, Mike/GOVEZ on "Hamming From The U.K.!" and Jay/NS5N, from Venezuela. Incidentally, Venezuela was given it's name by a Spanish explorer in 1499, who called the land "Little Venice". I thought you all might need that little history lesson.

Yes, folks, you knew it wouldn't be long when we heard from our very own Mike/WV3H (now GOVEZ), from across the "great pond"! Welcome ole chap! Welcome Senior! I'm sure you'll find their columns very interesting and informative. All is apparently going well over there with Mike and his family. The same is apparently true with Jay. I'm sure all of you with myself, send the Sever family and Jay, our very "best".

I also need to send a personal "thanks" out to the OVH club members who were present at last month's meeting. I want to thank all the members who decided not to accept my offer of going in on a 50/50 purchase for

a "digital scanner" to import photographs into the OVH Times, but to completely fund the purchase of this piece of equipment for the newsletter. I was quite surprised and had no idea that the vote would be unanimous. Thank you. I hope you will you will enjoy the results in this and future editions of the OVH Times.

Speaking of the OVH Times, I just want to let all the OVH members know that I'm really "having a ball" putting the monthly issues together. Not only is it a learning experience, but hey, I even can print and say what I feel on almost any topic or issue! Is this great or is this America!

As you will see, there are some new "looks" in the newsletter, and some more to come. I will continue to make adjustments as we progress. The newsletter will continue to be printed in a "book" format per the voice of the club membership from last month's meeting. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Editor. This newsletter is a open forum, and will continue to be one for the Ole Virginia Hams ARC.

SENDING THE SIGNAL...

I would like to take a moment or two, and talk about an issue that seems to come up every month. The issue involves club member participation. The last OVH club meeting marked the first time in approximately three months that enough members were present for a "quorum". In fact, three members were notified at home that they were needed to report to the meeting, so that a "quorum" could indeed be established. It was nice that those three members obliged, and came to the meeting. Yet, what kind of message does that send out to a new prospective member who has had his membership application on standby for two months, because there were not enough members present to vote on the matter? I'm sure it's not a very good one. It certainly doesn't do the name and reputation of this club very well either. Especially, with the fact that this club has been around for quite some time and has always held a high standard in regards to amateur radio. Another concern, is that the club cannot even decide on issues which directly affect the club itself. Sometimes these matters affect the community in which we all reside. Let's not forget what one of the functions of amateur radio is.

At last count, there was a reported 145 OVH members. There are more than enough members in this organization to make a "quorum" each and every month, even with our current members who reside out of the area. Granted, there are some bylaw amendments in the wind to address a change, but the bottom line still rings true in this matter. Club members have to realize that being a OVH member is simply *not* only a matter of having auto-patch privileges, but participating in club functions and activities. It is these activities that affect the club itself and our community.

I only ask that when next month's meeting comes around on November 21, you take a moment and think about how you might contribute to this club, and whether or not your presence is valuable. I'm sure you will agree that you are important to this club.

Lets take a little pride in our club and ourselves.

Happy Thanksgiving!

73 de *The Editor/KE4HCT*

"HAMMING IN THE U.K."

DE MIKE/GOVEZ

Hello fellow OVH'ers!

I am pleased to have this opportunity to share with you my Ham Radio experiences here in royalty's backyard as they occur. I think with this first installment, I would like to share with you some of the differences between Amateur Radio American Style, and British Amateur Radio.

First off, there are only two classes of licenses here in Great Britain: Class A and Class B. Unlike the American System where we have five classes (six if you count TECH and TECH LITE separately), the British simplify the system, by having only two. Either you've got HF privileges or you don't, it's just that simple. What is complicated, is trying to figure out who is who. For instance, I am a Class A license holder and therefore I receive a "G0" prefix. Well that is simple enough! But since all mainland British calls are what we would call one-by-three style, it becomes confusing who is who, especially when you consider that a G3xxx can be either, depending on the suffix.

Ok, so now I have my license and I want to get on the air. Well maybe I should read the rule book first? Hmmm, how much different could it be? Wow, no wonder I never worked any 'G' calls on 40 meter phone! The band only goes to 7.100 megahertz. Glad I checked before yelling CQ DX! Ok well this HF stuff is

still a little confusing, so I'll fire up my 2 meter rig. Hey, I can hear a repeater, but I can't seem to key it up. Ok, maybe it needs some audio...no that doesn't work...maybe it is up 600 instead of down...no that didn't help. Oh, I know, it must be using CTCSS (PL) tone. After about an hour of trying them all, that wasn't the answer either. Ok, I give up! I'll just monitor for a while. If you know me, you know that is hard to do and not utter a word!

By the way, there are only 8 frequencies authorized for repeater usage throughout the entire country. Approximately 70 repeaters share those 8 frequencies. Well, it kind of makes that synthesized rig look like a waste of money, doesn't it? Maybe TMARC ought to send an envoy over to figure out how they manage?

Since I'm still not comfortable on HF or VHF phone, maybe I'll try packet. Ok, I am at 145.03 Mhz. I don't hear OVH. Well, it was a long shot anyway! Funny, I don't hear "any" packet. In fact, I don't hear it on any frequencies above 145.00 Mhz. Where is it? Oh here is some, 144.650 Mhz! Oh finally, a mode I can use. Well, I'll get my TNC set up and leave it up for forwarding. Yeah, only if I don't want to operate in this country much longer. You don't leave your equipment unattended without prior notification and approval of the local Radio Bureau.

Well, I am glad to say that after reading the book that was provided by the "RADIO LICENSING CENTER", most of the above problems were solved. Oh, talking about the RLC above, it took only 7 days (yes, days) to get my license in the mail. I actually had the callsign in 3 days. Maybe someone from the FCC could come over with the folks from TMARC. Oh yes, I forgot to tell you that I finally got into the repeaters. I installed the 1750 Hertz tone board that Charlie (W4YGI) loaned me before I departed.

As they say round these parts...See you on the Box. Cheers Mates!

73. *Mike/GOVEZ(WV3H)*

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QTH VENEZUELA !

Hello All !

My leap into radio activity here has not been as rapid as I would like. I have been given permission by the embassy to operate, but the radio I have access to is not available on the weekends. I have discovered another Ham though, and I should be able to work things out via him.

The propagation from my apartment, or from anywhere in Caracas, looks bleak. I am on the south face of a mountain range. The view from here reveals a lot of beam antennas in the neighborhood, and I am hoping to meet some people at the other end of the coax.

I haven't discovered any incidence of packet activity so far, but if anyone would like to send me something, I can be reached in care of N4YXW in Warrentown. Chuck has my Inter-net address and we have been communicating reliably.

Best regards to all & I look forward to the monthly newsletters.

J.Edgar/NS5N

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FIELD DAY '94 RESULTS

Congratulations go out to the OVH crew that participated in the 1994 Field day event at Long Park, near Haymarket! OVH entered the 2A category and made 631 contacts worth 2,416 points! It was listed that 55 members participated in the two day event. Hey J.Edgar! Is there something a little odd with that total number?

According to QST, 670 entries were listed for the 2A category, which apparently includes the battery folks. In the 2A class OVH came in at the #295 position, with a couple of other local clubs ahead and behind. Of particular interest in the 2A Battery group was the Sterling park ARC, knocking down the #5 position with 711 contacts at 6,555 points. Also in the same group was the Shenandoah Valley ARC in the #16 position with 378 contacts, totaling 4,045 points. Also, in the 2A group, the Fauquier ARA held the #227 position with 631 contacts, worth 2,932 points. Also in the same group, the Culpepper ARA came in behind the OVH with 512 contacts, totaling 2,370 points. In addition, the Pentagon ARC made 368 contacts, for 1,476 points. Also, the Quantico Marines ARC made 408 contacts worth 1,232 points.

Of particular interest in the 6A category with 35 entries, were two local clubs who made a very strong showing! Congratulations are in order for the Woodbridge Wireless Club who banged down the #4 position with 3,197 contacts for a grand total of 11,076 points! Also in the same group, was the Mt. Vernon ARC who nailed down the #5 position, right on the heels of the Woodbridge Wireless, with 3,274 contacts for 10,680 points. Well done, Woodbridge Wireless! I personally had a chance to view the Woodbridge Wireless field day set up one night when I made a trip to police communications at the G. Owens building. Believe me, these folks were serious!

The Stafford ARA made a strong showing in the 3A group with 1,644 contacts for 5,484 points. The Herndon RG did very well in the 4A Battery Category with 709 contacts for 7,010 points. In the 4A category, the Vienna Wireless Society held the #16 position with 138 entries. Vienna made 1,619 contacts worth 6,106 points! In the 1A Category, newcomer North Point FM Assn. put in a strong appearance with 713 contacts for a total of 1,526 points. All in all...good work all!

QST also noted that there was a tremendous participation count by the Novice /Technicians in QSO totals!
- SCOTT/KE4HCT

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FCC/ARRL NEWS

ARRL BULLETIN 79 ARLB079
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT OCTOBER 10, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

ARLB079 CONGRESS RESOLUTION PASSES

THE LEAGUE'S JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMATEUR RADIO PASSED BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 7.

IN A LAST DITCH EFFORT BY SENATORS CHARLES ROBB (D-VA), WENDELL FORD(D-KY) AND ALAN SIMPSON (R-WY), SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90 PASSED ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE UNDER UNANIMOUS CONSENT AT 12:10 AM. THE BILL ASKS FOR "REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION" IN THE OPERATION OF AMATEUR RADIO IN HOMES, AUTOMOBILES AND PUBLIC PLACES.

THE BILL THEN WENT TO THE HOUSE, WHERE IT WAS BROUGHT UP BY CONGRESSMAN AL SWIFT (D-WA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 2:45 AM. PATRICIA SPURLOCK, A STAFFER FOR ROBB, AND STEPHANIE VANCE, A STAFFER FOR CONGRESSMAN MIKE KREIDLER (D-WA), WORKED OVERTIME ON THE BILL. KREIDLER INTRODUCED THE ORIGINAL HOUSE VERSION.

PASSAGE WAS ASSISTED BY THE EFFORTS OF DAVID LEACH, COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE ENERGY COMMERCE COMMITTEE, AND JERRY WALDRON AND COLIN CROWELL OF THE HOUSE TELECOMMUNICATION AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE SEPTEMBER QST, PAGE 93.

ARRL BULLETIN 84 ARLB084
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT OCTOBER 25, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

ARLB084 FCC LICENSING CHANGES

THE FCC TODAY RELEASED A 7-PAGE ORDER AMENDING ITS AMATEUR RULES, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 1994, TO REFLECT WHAT THE COMMISSION CALLS "NONSUBSTANTIVE PROCEDURAL CHANGES":

1. TO PERMIT ELECTRONICALLY FILED DATA FROM VECs (PAPER APPLICATIONS ALSO WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED)
2. TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION AS SOON AS THE NEW LICENSE DATA APPEARS IN THE AMATEUR SERVICE LICENSEE DATA BASE, RATHER THAN (AS NOW) WHEN THE LICENSE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED (DETAILS OF HOW THE NEW LICENSEE CAN DETERMINE HIS CALL SIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER)
3. TO ADD A NEW RULES SECTION, "EXAMINEE CONDUCT," TO EMPHASIZE THAT AN EXAMINEE MUST COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE ADMINISTERING VES
4. TO TREAT "TECHNICIAN PLUS" AS A LICENSE CLASS
5. AND TO PROVIDE FOR A "RENEWAL SHORT FORM" WHICH THE FCC SAYS WILL BE MAILED TO LICENSEES IN ADVANCE OF THEIR EXPIRATION DATE BEGINNING SOMETIME IN 1995. THE FCC ADDED THAT RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTED NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE.

BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THESE RULE AMENDMENTS, THERE IS NO NOTICE OR COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW. AGAIN, THESE CHANGES DO NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL DECEMBER 20, 1994.

ARRL BULLETIN 85 ARLB085
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT OCTOBER 25, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

ARLB085 FCC PROPOSES REALLOCATION

THE FCC HAS ADOPTED A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING TO CONVERT A BLOCK OF SPECTRUM FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COMMERCIAL USE, INCLUDING TWO UHF BANDS SHARED BY AMATEUR RADIO ON A SECONDARY BASIS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOCATE 2390 TO 2400, 2402 TO 2417 (BOTH SHARED BY AMATEURS), AND 4660 TO 4685 MHZ TO THE FIXED AND MOBILE SERVICES. THE FCC IS REQUIRED BY THE OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1993 TO ADOPT RULES FOR SUCH A REALLOCATION BY FEBRUARY 10, 1995.

THE FCC SAID IT RECEIVED A NUMBER OF RESPONSES TO ITS NOTICE OF INQUIRY ON THE PROPOSED REALLOCATIONS, INCLUDING FORMAL COMMENTS FROM "THE AMATEUR COMMUNITY" (PRIMARILY THE ARRL). MORE INFORMATION WAS IN OCTOBER QST, ON PAGE 83.

ARRL BULLETIN 88 ARLB088
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT OCTOBER 28, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

ARLB088 RESOLUTION BECOMES LAW

THE ARRL'S JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMATEUR RADIO WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON ON OCTOBER 22, 1994.

THE RESOLUTION PASSED BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 7. THE NEW LAW, PL 103-408, ASKS FOR "REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION" IN THE OPERATION OF AMATEUR RADIO IN HOMES, AUTOMOBILES AND PUBLIC PLACES.

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUCCESSFUL LEAGUE INITIATIVE APPEARED IN QST FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER.

ARRL BULLETIN 90 ARLB090
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT NOVEMBER 10, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

ARLB090 FCC SETS 2400 MHZ DATE

THE FCC HAS SET DECEMBER 19, 1994, AS THE COMMENT DATE FOR A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING TO CONVERT A BLOCK OF SPECTRUM FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COMMERCIAL USE, INCLUDING TWO UHF BANDS SHARED BY AMATEUR RADIO ON A SECONDARY BASIS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE NPRM, RELEASED BY THE FCC ON NOVEMBER 9, IS AVAILABLE FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS ON THE HQ BBS, AT 203-666-0578, AND ALSO FROM THE ARRL INTERNET INFOSERVER, INFOARRL.ORG (SEE OCTOBER 1994 QST, PAGE 43). THE FILE NAME IS FCC94272.TXT.

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MORE INFORMATION WAS IN OCTOBER QST, PAGE 83, AND IN DECEMBER QST, PAGE 87. *THANKS MILT/NASN - THE EDITOR*

SOME OVH MEMORIES THIS PAST SUMMER AND FALL...

1994 BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE ON THE AIR



It's that time once again to say farewell to the fine summer and fall that we had this year, and get ready for "old man winter"! I hope these photos will take you back in time to the warmer days.

I'm sure this young Scout will fondly remember the good time he had on the air, at the station of N4YIC. The question is... will Jack remember?



MANASSAS AIR SHOW CLASSIC '94

Alan/KD4KBX at the OVH table with Erv/KD4DFB, near Alan's plane in the background. Hm...

OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 P.M.

There were 26 members and 2 guests present for a total attendance of 28. The Pledge of Allegiance by all members, oral roll call, and signing of the attendance list opened the meeting, which was presided over by Erv, KD4DFB, club vice-president.

Erv announced on behalf of Alan, KD4KBX, that the Foundation for Amateur Radio will now be able to accept contributions via packet.

Erv thanked the following members on behalf of the President:

Harry, W4PVA, for coordinating the communications effort for the recent Park Authority bike tour;

Butch, W4HJL, for promoting amateur radio to local Scouts during the recent Jamboree On The Air.

Erv announced that the upcoming VEC exam session was on schedule and that he would contact Dick, WD4AZG, about communications needs for the upcoming Christmas parade. He also reminded club members who are also ARRL members to be sure to vote in the current election for Roanoke Division Director.

There was no program at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Jim, WA2QEJ, read the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously on a motion by Butch, W4HJL, and seconded by Tim, KB4NR.

As preface to Scott's Newsletter Committee report, Dan, KC4EWT, lauded Scott's colorful description of the 50-50 outcome from the previous meeting and offered Scott five tickets for this month's 50-50 drawing.

Scott, KE4HCT, gave the Hamfest Committee report. The last meeting with

about fourteen attendees agreed that the 1994 hamfest was generally successful. Another meeting is tentatively planned for sometime in January.

Scott also gave the Newsletter Committee report. The new booklet format will cost approximately eight dollars more per issue. Scott also mentioned that a scanner would be needed to allow photos to be included in the newsletter and that one could probably be had for less than \$100. He proposed splitting this cost with the club.

Harry, W4PVA, read parts of a letter from the Prince William County Park Authority thanking the club for providing communications support for the recent bike tour. He also reminded members about the upcoming exam session at the Manassas campus of NVCC and that more (already accredited) VEs are always needed.

Jim, WA2QEJ, gave the Technical Committee report. He and Art, W1CRO, are continuing plans for a repeater coverage survey.

Mary Lu, KB4EFP, reported that the recent picnic was well attended and generally successful.

Butch, W4HJL, Jim, N4YIC, and Charlie, WA4YGI, reported that the recent Jamboree On The Air received good exposure despite persistent QRM from a few nets.

Charlie also gave the Education Committee report. The current class is running well with five students. The schedule has been accelerated by one week to allow it to conclude before the upcoming exam session.

OLD BUSINESS

Erv, KD4DFB, presented the Membership Committee report. There were no applications to be read. As a quorum was not immediately available to vote on outstanding applications, he requested that the vote be deferred until after the break. At that time, the following applicants were unanimously voted members on a motion by Ron, NV3S, and

seconded by Mary Lu, KB4EFP: Bill Edwards, K4BWC; Brian Cochran, KE4NFK; Tom Hatton, KE4PCV; and Steve Sondag, WA4TDH.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe, AB4QV, displayed a plaque from the Prince William County Police recognizing the club's participation in the Fleet Watch program. Scott, KE4HCT, gave an impromptu description of the program, stressing its particular importance in curbing daytime burglaries.

Since the availability of the NOVEC meeting room for the November meeting was not yet known, Scott moved that an alternate site be sought. His motion was seconded by Butch, W4HJL, and passed without objection. The final location would be announced on one or more of the Thursday night nets in advance of the meeting.

A motion to allow the purchase of a scanner for use with production of the newsletter was made by Butch and seconded by Tim, KB4NR, and was passed without objection.

Scott, KE4HCT, announced that he was in need of a few large ceramic egg insulators for his tower installation if anyone could spare them.

Dan, KC4EWT, remarked favorably on the substitute gavel constructed and used by Erv, KD4DFB, at tonight's meeting. The natural hardwood gavel has seen service in at least two meetings when the President's gavel was not available.

On the second drawing, the 50-50 was won by Scott, KE4HCT.

Butch, W4HJL, reported that a meeting of the directors and officers would be scheduled for early November, and suggested that a program for the November meeting might feature demonstration of the new repeater controller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan Reeder, KD4DFD