

"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

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***THANK YOU NORTH POINT FM ASSOCIATION FOR A GREAT JOB DONE**

AT THE OVH HAMFEST!

COMMENTARY FROM THE OVH CHIEFTAIN

Erv, KD4DFB - President of the Club

Hey OVH;

WOW! WHAT A HAMFEST. It's a 3 thumbs up category at least. Well organized, planned and executed. Scott and his advisors deserve a hats off standing ovation. And the OVH members --- what can I say --- 10 attaboys and girls, fantastic, a special heart felt thanks for each and all --- whatever I say can not be enough so I'll just say THANKS OVH'ers.

Our next event is FIELD DAY on JUNE 24/25. I haven't heard a whole lot about this event which makes me think I'm not needed. However, I know better so I'll be out there to

dispense my usual expertise in all matters, helping, getting in the way, swapping stories or anything else I can do. So come on out and give us a hand or provide moral support (yes, we all need that too). Bring the family to enjoy the OVH show and other James Long Park features. Okay, okay - I'll quit rambling.

We need to bring some fresh ideas to the Club for supporting public service events (maybe to justify the 440 machine). We have a lot new HAMS and members who need us to show them how to get involved with their new hobby.

THANKS FOR LISTENING -

73 and CUATM de ERV

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1996 HAMFEST CHAIRMAN

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WEEKLY VHF NET CONTROL

Thursdays - 8:00 PM - 146.97 & 224.660 Mhz
Harry Vorhauer W4PVA

The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC and is published on a monthly basis. The OVH ARC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 8:00 PM every third Monday of the month, at the Northern Virginia Electric Coop, located at 10323 Lomond Dr., Manassas, VA. Prospective members are invited.

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

Permission is hereby granted for the reprinting of articles and quotations in this letter, provided full credit is given to the OVH ARC, and the author of the article. Contribution of printed articles by both members and non-members is encouraged. The deadline for submissions is the 9th of each month. Submissions should be forwarded to OVH TIMES EDITOR:

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A Ray Of Sunshine

Hello from the Sunshine Committee! My name is Jan Klein (KE4TMW), and I can be reached at 257-0897, which has an answering machine. If you know of a club member who is in the hospital, or dies, please let me know about it, so that I can send flowers on behalf of the club.

Also, I would like to know about "happy" events in our members lives -- birthdays, anniversaries, babies, graduations, weddings -- anything good that we can let the members know about! Look for the "Ray of Sunshine" column in your newsletter.

Jan/KE4TMW

* Editor's Note -

Please help me welcome Jan/KE4TMW, to the *OVH Times*. I'm sure we will enjoy her future articles in the coming issues of the *OVHT Times*. And Jan, feel rest assured that I will not divulge your nickname as "the mystery woman"! KE4TMW... get it? TMW. Yuck! Yuck! Yuck! Such the jokester I am.

HEY!!! DON'T FORGET!

This Month's OVH Club meeting will be at a new location (only temporary, due to construction at the NOVEC site)!

We will meet at the Training Room of the Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad, located on Center Street, near the Courthouse. See you at 8:00 PM!

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

Let's us say that this last OVH Hamfest was quite the interesting...to say the least. It was definitely a huge success, measured by any means. I am very proud to have been a part of this activity, especially when I have been urging the Club to move forward in the area of establishing a 440 repeater. One could obviously say that this is the hand that feeds the Club.

Yet, there is always something that seems to stand out in any undertaking, and this Hamfest was no different. If you were present for this year's Hamfest, then you probably know exactly what I'm speaking of. Yes, we certainly did make OVH Hamfest history by having some folks removed from the grounds of the Hamfest. Two individuals to be exact, and both were the same commercial vendor.

It is extremely regretful that the incident took place, but when the County Police act on complaint from a citizen (Hamfest attendee) and inform the Hamfest Chairperson that approximately three State criminal code violations were taking place on the grounds, it certainly doesn't allow the Hamfest Chairperson to simply ignore the notice.

Obviously, one of the roles of the Hamfest Chairperson is to insure that the program flows smoothly, and this includes all the different facets of a Hamfest...such as club set-up, tailgaters, Hamfest attendees and commercial vendors. With this overall mission in mind, and with the intentions of not going to jail for the day, the Hamfest Chairperson attempted resolve the problem at hand.

In any "difference of opinion", such as the one that took place during the Hamfest, it is incumbent that the differing parties keep an open mind and listen to one another in hopes of problem resolution. Well, unfortunately, this was not the case in this particular incident. This incident involved three distinct parties...the vendor, the police and the Hamfest Chairperson. However, only the last two aforementioned parties kept an open mind and listened. The Hamfest Chairperson attempted to "bend over backwards" to reach a agreement with all parties involved, so that the show could go on and everyone being a happy campers. Yet, as mentioned before, when one party fails to listen and merely continues to forge ahead in argument...the problem resolution process is doomed for failure at best.

A number a different proposals were floated to the vendor, however none were accepted or even considered. When the matter reached an impasse between the police and the vendor, and no end to the argument was in sight

(from the vendor), the Hamfest Chairperson decided enough was enough! The Hamfest Chairperson knew for a fact that he (me!) was not going to spend the rest of the day in jail! And so folks, the other shoe dropped, and the vendor was asked to remove his wares and vacate the grounds by the authority invested in the Hamfest Chairperson. The vendor was given a complete refund of all the fees that he had paid to set up, however the vendor was allowed to retain all his profit from his four hours of operation. Fair enough. Argument and discussion over...at least we thought it was.

Yes, the vendor left, but then his other half attempted to re-enter the Hamfest. Again, these folks were asked to leave, but apparently to no avail. When the Hamfest Chairperson last looked back to the vicinity of the front gate, one of the two vendors was wearing a shiny set of Peerless handcuffs and was being escorted to a parked police car for personalized transport to the magistrate. At this point the Hamfest Chairperson immediately realized how important the skill of listening can be. The matter was settled for the day it now appeared.

It was interesting to note that the Hamfest Chairperson is not in favor of sexually explicit material being sold in public view, for families and children to see, but the vendor was not arrested for this but for "trespassing". Why was it that no other computer vendor on the grounds had any problem when they were asked to take corrective action about that kind of material that day?

You know, after the other shoe fell from the Hamfest Chairperson, the vendor wanted to agree to what the Hamfest Chairperson had first proposed to the vendor, some ten minutes previously. I suppose this is as confusing to you, the reader, as it was to me that day. Yet, when asked why the vendor didn't just agree to the proposal then...the vendor replied "this is America, you don't have to jump at what one person says". Well, how about hopping slowly? Oh well, I'm still a bit confused by this person.

Have a nice day, sir.

The Editor

**Field Day ! It's almost Field Day!
Saturday June 24th & Sunday June 25th
This year the OVH Field Day will be held
at James Long Park, on James Madison
Hwy., US Rt. 16, just a few miles north
of Haymarket. Activities start at 11:00
AM.
See you all there!**

1995 OVH FIELD DAY At James Long Park

June 24 and 25

Field Day weekend is rapidly approaching, so dust off your favorite keyer or microphone and come out to J.C. Long Park and experience Field Day OVH style!! The festivities will begin around 11:00am on Saturday, June 24 and continue until Sunday afternoon. If you have not participated in the past, please come out and join the fun this year.

During the last few months I have posted a few messages on the Packet BBS requesting a Novice station and operator. So far nobody has accepted the challenge. This is a great opportunity to increase your code speed, and gain some experience in contesting. If you are a Novice or Technician with HF privileges please consider joining the gang this year.

In addition to the Novice station we will be running

two other stations on HF, with the possibility of some VHF/UHF or packet. I will be providing one of the HF radios and will need assistance with the remaining equipment. If you can help, please give me a call or drop a packet message on the BBS.

Last item, FOOD!! What's Field Day without FOOD! Just to make sure that we get enough hamburgers and hot dogs for everybody, please let me know if you will be attending the cookout. Look forward to see everyone on Saturday, June 24. Questions or comments should be directed to Rick/KU3M at 791-3775.

73's de Rick/KU3M

Editor's Note -

Bob/KE4HCX and Scott/KE4HCT have decided to forge ahead with a Novice/Tech CW station.

Complaints Concerning "Repeater Interference"

From The Voice Of Manassas

I have been made aware of what is called repeater interference. It seems that most of the complaints come from hams licensed in the last few years.

Since our repeater, or more correctly repeaters, are interconnected, it sometimes becomes a question as to which of the two repeaters is the source of the problem at a given moment. This can be resolved by the listener by observing the reset tone, as the two repeaters have distinctive tones indicating timer reset. Another method is to key up your transmitter during a period of interference while someone listens. If your strong signal blots out the interference while you transmit, the interference is on your same frequency.

Sources Of Interference

Interference can be through the repeater or THROUGH YOUR OWN RECEIVER on the repeater frequency.

As was pointed out earlier, interference through the machine can be on either frequency, 2 meters or 220 Mhz. In this case the extraneous signal must be arriving at the repeater input on the INPUT frequency. This can be due to weather oddity causing a station (not repeater) to deliver a signal to the repeater input or another station trying to use another repeater that uses the same input frequency. This is explained as the other station using enough power to bring up our machine and being situated as to be able to use the machine he is trying for.

Interference through your receiver is due to either the interfering station operating on the repeater output frequency or your location such that you are receiving the "interfering" machine.

Other

Another source of interference has been a stray signal, usually from a defective transmitter on the repeater input frequency.

While this is not an all inclusive discussion, you can see that;

1. repeater interference is NOT always a repeater problem and
2. the problem is not a simple one.

The writer makes the observation that private line techniques can help solve a number of these problems. But, that would require all repeater users to purchase additional equipment and still not COMPLETELY ELIMINATE all problems.

Harry/W4PVA

1995 OVH Hamfest Whew! It's A Done Deal!

Well done OVH! As the 1995 OVH Hamfest Chairperson, let me say "thank you" to all of you who participated and worked very hard on this year's Hamfest to make it a tremendous success. There's a huge amount of work that goes into this event, and if it wasn't for all of you contributing your time and effort, this Hamfest would not have come off as well as it did. "Thank you" all.

I knew we were in for a wild Hamfest when I showed up at the fairgrounds on Sunday morning and found cars backed up to Dumfries Rd. I had a real time trying to convince these folks to move their cars, so I could get through the main gate, since I was the one who had all the tickets!

I would like to take a moment and single out a few OVH'ers who made this Hamfest a "blooming smash". First and foremost, I need to say "thanks" to Joe/K4FPT, who handled the Commercial vendors. Joe managed to bring in a record number of vendors and managed to somehow find a place for all of them. Joe even managed to remain "married" while the entire event was being brought together. Well done Joe! There's even rumor that Joe has volunteered his services again for next year!

Next, I need to say "thanks" to Steve/N4OGR, who handled the parking in the tailgate area. I'm sure anyone could recognize that Steve and his crew did a bang-up job, as the tailgate area was well laid out in an orderly fashion. Could you believe how many "tailgaters" showed up? Atta boy Steve! Next, I need to say "thanks" to Jack/N4YIC and Doc/WA6HAO who ran the front gate and back gate(respectively), and who sold a very large amount of tickets. Very well done folks!

How about Lisa/KA4RKJ, who came all the way from her home QTH, Virginia Beach, to help out her mother, Bernice/KA4SCA, to run the Ladies program! Thank you Bernice and Lisa. By the way Lisa, do you know of any good contacts for beach houses down there?

I can't forget the most important folks who were out there... the Saturday "set-up" crew and the Sunday "take-down" crew. This is the hardest part of the

Hamfest, especially when you're completely worn out and been there all day Sunday, and realize that that the event is over and everything needs to be taken down and stored away. My hat is off to all of you. I hope that you all enjoyed dinner at Tony's N.Y. Pizza.

I also need to say "thanks" to Butchie/W4HJL, (who told me I was "in training" for this event, and you know... I'm still wondering just what he meant by it.) who was always there with an answer when I had a question. Thanks OM! Butchie and Mary Lu/KB4EFP were critical in the planning stages of this event. "Thanks" Mary Lu! Also, "thanks" go out to Joe/AB4QV, who did the money thing for the event. Totally awesome Joe! My sincere "thanks" also go out to Ken/KM4UH, who did a marvelous job advertising this year's hamfest.

"Thank you" Charlie/WA4YGI, for being Mr. Announcer for the event and doing a great job getting the prizes lined up. When I advised Charlie to make an announcement for a problem with a parked car, Charlie took me word for word and announced to all... "that if the car wasn't moved... we will tow it"! Charlie, I hear the County Police are looking for a few good candidates for employment!

Well, what lessons did I learn this year that maybe we can apply to next year's Hamfest...a few. First, it was quite obvious that we need to open all the gates at sunrise and begin selling tickets at the same time. This merely means we need to set up our time blocks to begin earlier. We also need to have our Tailgate crew parking cars at the same time. Also, our Talk-In crew needs to start at sunrise too. Also, we need to make sure that there are plenty of fluids available for the "set-up" crew and the "take-down" crew. This is very important if these activities are carried on in warm temperatures, such as this past event. This means the availability of at least two large fluid dispensers with plenty of paper cups. I would highly recommend doing away with softdrinks and substituting a lemonade drink mix or gatorade type of drink. If any of you have any other suggestions, please let me know at the next club meeting.

You know, I had so much fun this year, I might even consider volunteering again next year! Maybe...just maybe! All in all, I had a very good time. I had the opportunity to work with some terrific club members, and I learned a great deal from many of you there.

Thank you all.

73 de Scott/KE4HCT
1995 OVH Hamfest Chairperson

QST DE W1AW

FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT JUNE 8, 1995
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

FCC ON THE INTERNET

THE FCC HAS INSTITUTED AN FCC HOMEPAGE ([HTTP://WWW.FCC.GOV](http://www.fcc.gov)) AS AN ENTRY POINT TO THE COMMISSION'S ON-LINE RESOURCES.

THE PAGE FEATURES SELECTABLE BUTTONS TO GO DIRECTLY TO HIGH INTEREST ITEMS SUCH AS THE DAILY DIGEST, THE COMMISSION AGENDA, AUCTIONS, AND CURRENT RULE MAKINGS.

THERE ALSO IS A BUTTON CALLED "GETTING INFORMATION," PROVIDING A TOUR OF WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND WHERE IT CAN BE FOUND ON THE SITE. IT PROVIDES LINKS TO AVAILABLE ON-LINE DOCUMENTS. THERE ALSO IS A LINK TO THE FCC TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

A GENERAL MAILBOX FOR ELECTRONIC MAIL TO THE FCC IS:
[FCCINFO AT FCC.GOV.](mailto:FCCINFO@FCC.GOV)

MAY 3, 1995

RULES CHANGES PROPOSED

THE FCC HAS PROPOSED AMATEUR SERVICE RULES CHANGES THAT WOULD AFFECT LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, CALL SIGNS FOR SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS, AND INDICATORS OF PORTABLE OPERATION.

THE FCC PROPOSES TO DESIGNATE ONE VOLUNTEER EXAMINER OF A TEAM AS THE EXAMINATION SESSION MANAGER. THE COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSES TO GIVE EXAMINATION CREDIT TO FORMER LICENSEES, AND TO ENSURE THAT ONLY "BONA FIDE" AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS OBTAIN STATION LICENSES BY INCREASING TO FOUR PERSONS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO CONSTITUTE AN ORGANIZATION ELIGIBLE FOR A CLUB STATION LICENSE (AN ARRL SUGGESTION).

THE FCC ALSO HAS PROPOSED ANOTHER CHANGE SUGGESTED BY THE ARRL: AS PART OF THE VANITY CALL SIGN PROCEEDING, THE COMMISSION PROPOSES TO MAKE ONE-BY-ONE CALL SIGNS AVAILABLE TO "STATIONS OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHORT-TERM EVENTS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE AMATEUR SERVICE COMMUNITY."

AND THE FCC ALSO HAS PROPOSED TO ALLOW PORTABLE INDICATORS, SUCH AS /KP2, TO BE INCLUDED BEFORE, AFTER, OR BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER, THE ASSIGNED CALL SIGN.

THESE PROPOSALS IN WT DOCKET 95-57 WERE ANNOUNCED MAY 1, 1995. NO COMMENT DEADLINE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.

JUNE 8, 1995

NH ANTENNA BILL SIGNED

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR STEPHEN MERRILL HAS SIGNED INTO LAW A BILL PROTECTING AMATEURS' RIGHTS TO ANTENNAS.

THE BILL, HB 379, EARLIER PASSED BOTH THE STATE'S

HOUSE AND SENATE UNANIMOUSLY AND WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR ON JUNE 5. IT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN TO INCLUDE SLIGHTLY STRONGER LANGUAGE REGARDING ANTENNAS THAN THAT CONTAINED IN PRB-1 THE LANGUAGE WAS THEN FINE-TUNED AT THE SUGGESTION OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO ARE "FRIENDLY TO AMATEUR INTERESTS," ACCORDING TO ARRL NEW HAMPSHIRE SECTION MANAGER AL SHUMAN, N1FIK.

THE BILL WAS FILED ON THE COATTAILS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S HB 1380, PASSED IN 1994, WHICH PROVIDES PROTECTION FROM TAXING AMATEUR RADIO TOWERS AS REAL PROPERTY. HB 379 READS:

"NO CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY IN WHICH THERE ARE LOCATED UNINCORPORATED TOWNS OR UNORGANIZED PLACES SHALL ADOPT OR AMEND A ZONING ORDINANCE OR REGULATION WITH RESPECT TO ANTENNAS USED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICES THAT FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE LIMITED FEDERAL PREEMPTION ENTITLED AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION, 101 FCC 2ND 952 (1985) ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

IN ADDITION TO SHUMAN, OTHER NEW HAMPSHIRE AMATEURS WHO HELPED IN THIS VICTORY INCLUDED REP RALPH ROSEN, W1HSB REP TOM KIRBY, W1EJ REP RUDY ADLER, W1GUA JACK SHEEHY, WA1ALM, AND CAL CALVITTO, WA1WOK. REP ROSEN WROTE THE BILL.

MAY 10, 1995

OKLAHOMA HELP COMPLETED

THE PRIMARY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOVERY EFFORTS IN THE BOMBING OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING IN OKLAHOMA CITY ENDED AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 2.

AMATEURS HAD MAINTAINED A NETWORK CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 9:15 AM ON APRIL 19, WITH MORE THAN 3&0 OPERATORS FROM OKLAHOMA, KANSAS AND TEXAS PROVIDING COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE OKLAHOMA CITY AUTOPATCH ASSOCIATION REPEATER.

AMATEUR OPERATION THEN SHIFTED FROM THE BLAST SITE TO COORDINATING SALVATION ARMY ACTIVITIES, ON A SIMPLEX FREQUENCY. AS OF 4 PM ON MAY 4, AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN OKLAHOMA CITY HAD CONDUCTED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FOR MORE THAN 360 HOURS.

ARRL PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR TOM WEBB, WA9AFM, SAID THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE POST-BOMBING COMMUNICATION EFFORT CREDITED NUMEROUS DISASTER DRILLS, ESTABLISHED AMATEUR RADIO NETWORKS, EMPHASIS ON PROPER ON-AIR PROCEDURES, AND EXPERIENCE IN WEATHER SPOTTING NETS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS OPERATION.

LATER THIS MONTH, OKLAHOMA CITY AMATEURS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THEIR ACTIVITIES AND FOR A DEBRIEFING

Courtesy Of Mill/N4SN & W1AW

Local Club News

OVH 440 Repeater Work Continues

Now that the OVH Hamfest is over, the 440 Crew will divert its' attention back to the 440 project. Unfortunately, the goal date of June 1st for actual operation was not met, but the 440 crew is confident that the project will be concluded by the end of this month, and probably sooner if everything works out.

The only remaining tasks are the implementation of coax grounding kits, installation of the surge suppressers, and final modification of the controller and main radio. Once this is completed and all the components are placed into the repeater box, we will begin a testing period.

The 440 crew will permanently mount the repeater box to a concrete pad and then upgrade the main transceiver, so that the repeater will have a output of 40 - 50 watts. At the present time, approximately 20 watts will be emitted from the site.

It is apparent from the past days of interference on the 146.97 machine, that this 440 repeater would have been advantageous for the club. This is one of the benefits of having another repeater, on a different frequency and at a separate site.

The work continues, and maybe, just maybe, the repeater will be up and running by the time you read this. And there again, maybe not.

We have received word that T-MARC has received our objection to the proposed assignment of the same frequency pairs to BRATS. However, T-MARC has advised that they will continue with the

proposed assignment to BRATS. Thanks T-MARC for soliciting our input.

We are still looking for a GE Master II 100 watt radio, in the UHF range, to replace the existing main transceiver. So, please let us know if you stumble upon an item like this.

OVH Exam Session Turn-Out Light

The recent OVH Testing session, held at NVCC - Manassas Campus, resulted in only four candidates participating in the exams. None of the candidates tested for "code work". Three out of the four candidates became licensed "no-code" Technicians. 8 elements were given.

One consideration for the lack of participants may have been the fact that the Mt. Vernon ARC held their exams on the same date. Mt. Vernon has a well established exam session, and usually draws a very large number of candidates.

It is also known that the OVH Club paid a fee to the college for room usage, for this exam session.

OVH 2 Meter Repeater Antenna To Be Adjusted

According to Art/W1CRO, OVH Club Repeater Trustee, the antenna for the OVH 146.97 machine will be adjusted in the very near future. This adjustment is in response to the physical survey that Art and Jimmy/WA2QEJ conducted this last spring. One dipole will be rotated to improve the repeaters' coverage to the west, where it was discovered that a significant drop off in repeater performance existed. The 2 meter repeater is

located at the NOVEC compound, on Lomond Dr., while the antenna is approximately 150 feet up the NOVEC tower, at the same location.

OVH Scholarships Awarded

The annual OVH scholarships were announced at the 1995 Manassas Hamfest. A total of \$4,500.00 worth of awards were handed out this year by the OVH Club. Congratulations go out to the following individuals;

Jeremey Shaffer - Hylton High School	\$ 2,000.00
Ryan Jacoby - Potomac High School	\$ 1,500.00
Laura Tracey - Garfield High School	\$ 500.00
Michael Libeau - Osbourn High School	\$ 500.00

All candidates were judged on electronic and technical merits, as well as current grades, SATs and financial needs. The OVH scholarships are a county wide program.

QRM On The OVH 2 Meter Repeater

The first week in June saw a tremendous amount of QRM on the OVH 2 meter repeater. The QRM apparently resulted from a "paging" transmitter belonging to Metro Media Inc. (located on Bull Run Mtn. and in Dumfries) mixing with another unknown signal. The company was notified, and the problem corrected, but not until the QRM had been around for a few days. The Technical Committee took steps to minimize the QRM in the meantime. Thanks guys, it was getting to be very annoying.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 15, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 8:10PM, with 31 members and 2 guests present for a total attendance of 33.

The meeting was presided over by Club President, Erv/KD4DFB and was opened with the pledge of allegiance, oral roll call and the signing of the attendance list. Erv thanked Scott/KE4HCT for his participation in the Dogwood 1/2 hundred event. He also announced that NOVEC has advised that they will be renovating our regular meeting room during the months of June/July, we will therefore meet at the Manassas City Rescue Squad Co. 1 training room on Center St., behind the Court House, for those two months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joe/AB4QV read the treasurers report, Erv/KD4DFB moved that it be accepted as read the motion was seconded and the report was accepted into the record without objection. Joe advised that the books had just been returned from the auditors and that their recommendation was to combine our two checking accounts. Following open discussion it was agreed that the Finance committee would meet and discuss the above.

Rick/KU3M Chairman of the Field Day committee, reported that all is on track for this annual event but he is still in need of a Novice/Tech station setup.

Harry/W4PVA Emergency Communications Committee reported that this years MS 150K Bike Tour will pass thru Manassas but they are not in need of any communications assistance from OVH. He also read a

letter from the Prince William Park Authority thanking OVH for their assistance with their bike ride last month. Harry also announced that VEC licensing exams will be held at NOVA, but in room 200, not in the annex as has been the practice.

Art/W1CRO stated in Jimmys absence, that the new controller was ready to go except for the new scheduler. Should be up and on the air upon Jimmys return.

Chuck/KE4JWY Membership committee, read in requests for new memberships from; Al Bissett/KE4YST, and Lynn Ahalt. New members voted in were; Carroll Shelton/KS4TI, and James Lamb/KB0HSA.

Scott/KE4HCT reporting on the HAMFEST, said all is pretty well on track, however Doc still needs more people and that a Saturday Eve crew was needed to collect at the front gate and that a security crew for Sat nite/Sun morn was still needed. OVH'ers will meet at the usual Roy Rogers restrant at 03/0800 June before setup. Butch/W4HJL reported that all the trucks have been lined up and we are good to go.

Scott also reported that there were no problems with the Newsletter this month, except that it was late but he promised it would be out by the end of the week.

The Packet committee, Alan/KD4KBX, reported on the OVH node failure last week. Evidently there were several things wrong, i.e. hard disk failure, and PK88 failure. The hard drive was replaced with a spare from W4HJL, the 5 1/4 floppy was replaced with a

3 1/2 to facilitate reloads, and the PK88 was sent off to AEA for repairs. He also stated that DMARC would take over the DCA stack and that funding negotiations with the government were underway.

Alan also advised that based on his AUTOCALL column, FAR may address the suggestion for scholarships for adult HAM part time students, depending on individual club responses.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott/KE4HCT reported that thanks to two working parties the last two weekends, the 440MHz repeater tower work is complete, and the box wiring is also complete. Except for a frequency contention problem with BRATS by TMARC. It appears that we are on track for a 1 June opening. A letter of objection will be sent, but also stating that we are willing to work with them to keep all parties happy. Open discussion was held on the planned use of temporary GE radios on the link. Crystals will be ordered in the next couple of days.

PROGRAM:

There was no program at this month meeting.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Craig/WA3UFY

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie, WA4YGI
Secretary

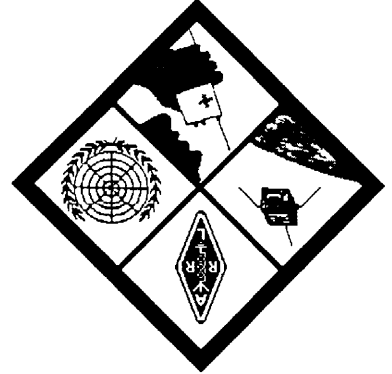
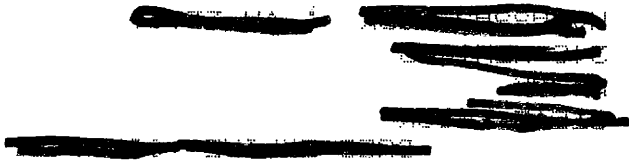
Field Day - June 24&25 !

OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

June 19 - July 30, 1995



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 19 8:00 PM MEETING - OLE VIRGINIA HAMS 8:00 PM NET-WDBG-WIRELESS-147.240 U223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	June 20 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT-VERNON/146.655	June 21 8:00 PM NET-NVFM/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 	June 22 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	June 23	June 24 SP-QRP International Contest OVH FIELD DAY	June 25 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 SP-QRP International Contest
June 26 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240 U223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 VEC - ANNAPOLIS, MD	June 27 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT-VERNON/146.655 New Moon	June 28 8:00 PM NET-NVFM/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165	June 29 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	June 30 WIAW Qual Run	July 1 RAC Canada Day Contest	July 2 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 VEC - LANDOVER, MD
July 3 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240 U223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	July 4 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT-VERNON/146.655 Cabin Coolidge (1872) Independence Day 	July 5 8:00 PM NET-NVFM/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 1st Quarter	July 6 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	July 7 WIAW Qual Run	July 8 VEC - ALEXANDRIA, VA VEC - DAVIDSONVILLE, MD IARU HF World Championship CQ World - Wide VHF Contest	July 9 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET 146.91 *Off James Cuckoff* BRATS - Timonium
July 10 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240 U223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	July 11 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT-VERNON/146.655 John Quincy Adams (1767) 	July 12 8:00 PM NET-NVFM/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 Full Moon	July 13 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	July 14 Gerald Ford 82nd Birthday	July 15 VEC - LAUREL, MD VEC - SMITHBURG, MD VEC - WASHINGTON, DC	July 16 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 10-10 International Net S...
July 17 8:00 PM MEETING - OLE VIRGINIA HAMS 8:00 PM NET-WDBG-WIRELESS-147.240 U223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 10-10 International Net ...	July 18 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT-VERNON/146.655	July 19 8:00 PM NET-NVFM/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165 VHF/UHF All-Band Sprint	July 20 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ	July 21 VEC - PENTAGON	July 22 Venezuela CW DX Contest SEANET '95 CW Contest	July 23 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 BRUNSWICK HAMFEST, MD
July 24 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240 U223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	July 25 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT-VERNON/146.655 VEC - GLEN BURNIE, MD	July 26 8:00 PM NET-NVFM/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ ARA/147.165	July 27 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHZ NEW MOON	July 28	July 29 WIAW Qualifying Run RSGB IOTA Contest	July 30 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 VEC - HAGERSTOWN, MD



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NEXT OVH MEETING JUNE 19, 1995

STARTING TIME: 8:00PM

*** Note of Reminder - New Change In Meeting Location !**
AT THE MANASSAS VOL. RESCUE TRAINING ROOM,
LOCATED ON CENTER ST., NEAR THE COURTHOUSE & JAIL,
IN THE CITY OF MANASSAS

TALK-IN 146.97

SEE YOU THERE!