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## COMMENTARY FROM THE OVH CHIEFTAN

Erv, KD4DFB - President of the Club

OVH de ERV;

I hope everyone catches a severe case of spring fever and expends a tiny bit of that energy in Club activities. We had another great turnout for the April meeting which was very exciting and fun. Thanks and let's keep it up.

This is the last time (more or less) that I'll use this space soliciting HAMFEST 95 volunteers. If you're having trouble deciding your favorite position, not to worry, Butch (W4HJL) will see to it that your talents are put to good use. I've spent so much space on the hamfest I forgot the "SET-UP" day is Sat., June 3rd. This is also a fun day milling around outside, enjoying the sunshine, sipping sodas, looking for shade, swapping stories and we don't even have to mow the grass.

What more could you ask for as a prelude to the FEST?

This brings me to Field Day, June 24/25 th, at the J.S.Long Park. Plan ahead a little bit. We are all so busy, it's hard to find time for the family. This is a great opportunity for a family outing, overnight camping etc. There is plenty of space and various activities available at the park for your family to go romping and stomping and they can keep an eye on you when you sneak off for a quick QSO.

I reckon I'll sign off now (sometimes Scott is stingy with space for the printed word). Thanks for listening and ...

73, CUATM de *ERV/KD4DFB*

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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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# The 1995 OVH HAMFEST...

## It's Here Again !!!

It's that time again fellow OVH'ers! Once again the OVH Hamfest is upon us and it's time to stock about being a club member. We are asking that all available OVH club members donate time on Saturday, June 3rd, for the Hamfest "Set-Up" and then a two hour block of time on Hamfest day, June 4th.

Please remember that the hamfest is the major income source for our club. We are also able to continue our scholarship program and the regular replacement of club equipment, such as "repeater" and "node" equipment.

Take a moment and commit yourself for a worthy cause! We will start Saturday, June 3rd at 8:00 AM, with a club breakfast at the Roy Rogers restaurant, located on Dumfries Rd., near the fairgrounds. We will finish up "clean-up" on Sunday, June 4th with a club dinner at Tony's New York Pizza, located in the Bull Run Plaza. Believe me! This is great food! And best yet! The club will pick up everyone's tab, for both breakfast and dinner above! What a deal! So come help out, and have a good time with friends.

We are still looking for some folks that would be willing to serve as the "Saturday evening crew", and also a few more members are needed for overnight security. Please contact Scott, KE4HCT @ 754-8253 or Butchie, W4HJL @ 369-2877, if you can assist.

So, don't be a "load" and come and "tailgate" and not contribute a two hour block to the club. Let's feel good about being a OVH club member! *Scott/KE4HCT HamfestChairperson*

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

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Hello OVH! Please let me begin by apologizing to all for the lateness in getting this month's *OVH Times* out in the mail. I've been quite busy with a number of things...one being the new OVH 440 Repeater. I hope you read the "Local Club News" section and hear all about our activities. This also brings me to this month's editorial theme, and not too bad of a "lead-in" line if I don't say so myself!

Hey OVH! Are you watching this amateur radio club? This club is on the move! For real! We're on the move, to say the least! If you're not with the this club's activities and programs, it's time you jumped aboard! What in the world am I speaking of? You mean, you can't feel the excitement taking place in this club? It all sort of happened to catch me by surprise also. Just the other day I was speaking with a fine outstanding club member (OM) about our club in general...yea, okay Jim (WD4OJY), I am talking about you! Well, Jim, just out of the blue says "have you realized that this amateur radio club is rolling?" I stopped for a minute and wondered what he was speaking of, because I really hadn't caught his drift. Jim then pointed out to me what had apparently dawned on him. Jim said "take a look at this club...there's two educational classes being sponsored by this club, a volunteer examination site coming up, a new set of bylaws in effect, a major Hamfest show coming up, a new club 440 Repeater being constructed and the organizing of Field day, just around the corner!" "Is this neat or what?" In all honesty, I had to suddenly stop and think about his words. I couldn't help but to enthusiastically agree! Hey! This was really something! Jim also mentioned that he couldn't quite remember when he had last seen so much club activity on so many different fronts.

I can only sit back here at my PC and wonder if any you had realized the same thing Jim had come upon? I just wonder... Have you taken a moment and looked at the progress, activity and the excitement that seems to have swelled up in this club, before us, in the last four months? Well, you know it's really GREAT! Make no bones about this, but this radio club has "caught fire"! My gosh, I could have sworn that I heard some folks on the club 2 meter machine talking about "slow scan TV", just the other day! Oh, Katie bar the door!

I can remember several times in the past that I have used the space here to attempt to stir up the membership and become living, breathing, active

amateur radio club members. But, I'm not too sure this had anything to do with it. I'd like to think it did! I just can't put my finger on what it was that has placed this amateur radio club in high gear. I mean... it's awfully damn difficult not to see and feel the excitement building in this club! Just take a step back and take a look for yourself.

Which reminds me...I heard that last month's editorial ruffled some feathers of some of our club members, and my answer to that is "Tough!" Well by golly, it's my feeling that it was about time! Just remember my favorite expression..."change for the better, not for the sake of change itself". Anyway, back to the current discussion at hand.

Another item that has come to mind in this matter, is that is doesn't seem to be one group of club members that are driving the club forward, but rather a composite of club members interested in different areas. As I've mentioned before "is this America or what?" It's absolutely terrific, and I'm quite proud to be a active OVH club member. I'm also proud of those club members who've decided to "just do it"! For those of you who have sat around and made their customary comments, and not been involved...now's the time to catch this momentum and contribute to the club. You will not regret one moment, I guarantee it. It makes me feel all warm and confident inside, and if the club newsletter doesn't get out on time because of other club activities...so what! I'm sure we'll live another day to get it out.

There is a great feeling taking place in this club, please don't let it be you to be the one left out. We could be making history here, you never know.

I'd also like to say thanks to all the folks who have come out to the home QTH here, and contributed their time and effort in the construction of the new club 440 Repeater. Some names that come quickly to mind are: Joe/AB4QV, Art/W1CRO, John/NQ4Q, Woody/KD4DEG, Steve/N4OGR, Ken/KM4UH, Keith/KM4AA, and Erv/KD4DFB. Thanks guys! I'm sure this project will come to a successful conclusion soon. I'm also confident that all OVH club members will appreciate this repeater, once it becomes operational

*The Editor*

# QST DE W1AW

FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CT MAY 10, 1995  
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

## MAIA PETITION REBUTTED

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS HAS PASSED ON A PETITION FOR RULE MAKING TO THE FCC THAT WOULD PROHIBIT ALL ONE-WAY TRANSMISSIONS (BELOW 30 MHZ), SUCH AS CODE PRACTICE AND INFORMATION BULLETINS FROM W1AW. THE PETITION, RM-8626, WAS FILED BY FREDERICK O. MAIA, W5YI, IN MARCH. THE ARRL URGED THE FCC "IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS" TO DENY OR DISMISS THE PETITION WITHOUT FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THE ARRL SAID THAT MAIA'S ARGUMENTS WERE OVERSTATED AND INFLAMMATORY, IN THEIR USE OF WORDS SUCH AS "CHAOS" AND "CRISIS PROPORTIONS" TO DESCRIBE WHAT HE SEES AS ON-THE-AIR DISAGREEMENTS AMONG AMATEURS RELATED TO ONE-WAY TRANSMISSIONS.

THE LEAGUE CITED W1AW'S 65 YEARS OF FREE SERVICE TO AMATEURS OTHER COUNTRIES WHOSE AMATEUR SOCIETIES ALSO CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL BULLETINS ON THE AIR THE ABSENCE OF ANY ALLEGATIONS THAT W1AW CREATES ANY SIGNIFICANT INTERFERENCE TO ONGOING AMATEUR COMMUNICATIONS AND THE VALUE OF W1AW'S BULLETINS IN ALERTING AMATEURS TO DISASTER SITUATIONS.

THE ARRL ALSO SAID THAT SINCE W1AW BULLETINS ARE NOT INTENDED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THEY HENCE ARE NOT "BROADCASTING," ACCORDING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, THE ITU RADIO REGULATIONS, AND THE AMATEUR SERVICE RULES. THEY ARE, RATHER, AMATEUR COMMUNICATION THAT HAS NO MORE POTENTIAL FOR UNDUE INTERFERENCE THAN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION.

THE LEAGUE SAID THAT "ANY ON-AIR ANGER PERCEIVED BY MAIA" OUGHT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF FCC ENFORCEMENT ACTION, NOT RULES CHANGES, SAYING SUCH SITUATIONS WERE THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE COMMISSION "ALLOWING ABUSES TO CONTINUE FOR MONTHS AND YEARS RATHER THAN TIMELY ADDRESSING THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXISTING RULES."

APRIL 18, 1995

## FCC DATA ON INTERNET

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IS NOW OFFERING THE COMPLETE AMATEUR SERVICE DATABASE ON THE INTERNET, VIA THE FCC'S FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL (FTP) SITE.

THIS NEW SERVICE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF ELECTRONIC GRANTING OF LICENSES AT THE FCC'S WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU. AS SOON AS THE DATA FOR A NEW LICENSE APPEARS IN THE DATABASE, THE LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE AND ALL

PRIVILEGES OF THAT LICENSE MAY BE EXERCISED BY THE LICENSEE.

LICENSEES WILL NO LONGER NEED TO WAIT TO RECEIVE A LICENSE DOCUMENT IN THE MAIL THEY MAY USE THE DATABASE AS PROOF OF LICENSING AND GO ON THE AIR IMMEDIATELY.

THE DATABASE WILL BE UPDATED EVERY MONDAY BY NOON (EASTERN TIME). INFORMATION MAY BE RETRIEVED USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:  
ACCESS: ANONYMOUS FTP.FCC.GOV DIRECTORY:  
PUB/XFS ALPHATEST/AMATEUR DOCUMENTATION:  
README.TXT

THE FCC'S CONSUMER STAFF IN GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS AT 800-322-1117 OR 717-337-1212.

APRIL 5, 1995

## FCC WON'T RECONSIDER

THE FCC HAS DENIED A PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING IN THE US.

ROLF JESPERSEN, N3LA, HAD PETITIONED THE FCC TO ESTABLISH THREE CLASSES OF AMATEUR OPERATOR LICENSE, A PETITION THE COMMISSION DENIED IN APRIL 1994 (RM-8391).

JESPERSEN THEN PETITIONED FOR RECONSIDERATION, SAYING THAT SUPPORTERS OF HIS POSITION DID NOT KNOW WHEN TO FILE SUPPORTING COMMENTS AND THAT TELEGRAPHY "ABILITY", NOT NECESSARILY TELEGRAPHY "PROFICIENCY" SHOULD BE THE CRITERION FOR THE CLASS OF OPERATOR LICENSE OBTAINED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HIS SUGGESTED NEW RULES WOULD PROMOTE GROWTH IN THE AMATEUR COMMUNITY AND REDUCE DELAYS IN OBTAINING NEW AND UPGRADED LICENSES.

THE FCC SAID THAT JESPERSEN'S ORIGINAL PETITION WAS DENIED BECAUSE THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY REVISITING THE ISSUES HE RAISED, AND THAT NO COMMENTS HAD BEEN FILED ON HIS PETITION.

THE FCC SAID THAT IT HAD REVISITED THE STRUCTURE OF THE AMATEUR SERVICE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE LATEST BEING IN 1990, WHEN THE CODELESS TECHNICIAN CLASS LICENSE WAS ESTABLISHED, AND THE AMATEUR COMMUNITY CONFIRMED ITS PREFERENCE OF PRESERVING TELEGRAPHY AS AN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE REMAINING OPERATOR LICENSE CLASSES.

"THE AMATEUR SERVICE COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES GENERALLY CONSIDERS THE CURRENT TELEGRAPHY SPEED REQUIREMENTS AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE", THE FCC SAID.

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APRIL 27, 1995

## HAMS HELP AT SITE

HAMS PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AT OKLAHOMA BLAST SITE WITHIN MINUTES OF THE DEADLY EXPLOSION AT THE OKLAHOMA CITY FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING. AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS SET UP AN EMERGENCY COORDINATION NETWORK THAT HAS BEEN IN NON-STOP OPERATION SINCE APRIL 19.

ACCORDING TO UPDATES FROM THOMAS WEBB, WA9AFM/5, DURING THE FIRST FEW HOURS AFTER THE BLAST, TELEPHONE CIRCUITS WERE JAMMED AND OFTEN INOPERATIVE. AMATEUR RADIO PROVIDED VITAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO RESCUE AND RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS UNTIL REGULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE WAS RESTORED. LOCATED AT THE SALVATION ARMY EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER, A NET CONTROL STATION COORDINATED THE EFFORTS OF MORE THAN 20 AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS IN DOWNTOWN OKLAHOMA CITY.

VOLUNTEER OPERATORS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE FIVE SALVATION ARMY CANTEENS, THE SALVATION ARMY AREA HEADQUARTERS, THE RED CROSS COMMAND POST, AND THE PRIMARY SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMAND POST. USING HAND-HELD AND MOBILE RADIO EQUIPMENT, HAMS PROVIDED RELIEF WORKERS WITH RELIABLE, MOBILE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FOR MORE THAN 190 CONTINUOUS HOURS. BESIDES COORDINATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES, FOOD, WATER AND EQUIPMENT, THE VOLUNTEER HAMS ALSO DROVE VITAL SUPPLIES TO LOCATIONS IN THE DISASTER AREA.

DURING EARLY RELIEF EFFORTS, TECHNICAL SKILLS OF VOLUNTEER HAMS WERE PUT TO THE TEST WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THE BUILDINGS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA WERE BLOCKING RADIO SIGNALS. A MOBILE REPEATER STATION WAS ESTABLISHED AT A SALVATION ARMY CANTEEN, ALLOWING FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO BE SENT AND RECEIVED EASILY.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS TO RESCUE WORKERS, HAMS AT THE SALVATION ARMY EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER CONTINUE TO PROCESS HEALTH AND WELFARE INQUIRIES FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OUTSIDE THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA.

MORE THAN 100 HAMS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN RELIEF EFFORTS, WITH BETWEEN 60 AND 80 HAMS WORKING AT ANY ONE TIME. MOST OF THE HAM VOLUNTEERS ARE FROM THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA, BUT OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE HAVE COME FROM ALL OVER OKLAHOMA AS WELL AS TEXAS, ARKANSAS AND KANSAS.

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 300 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.

MAY 9, 1995

## RULES CHANGES DETAILED

THE FCC HAS ISSUED A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING ON SEVERAL CHANGES IN AMATEUR SERVICE RULES ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.

THE FCC PROPOSES TO DESIGNATE ONE VOLUNTEER EXAMINER OF A TEAM AS THE EXAMINATION SESSION MANAGER, SAYING THAT WOULD INCREASE "EXAMINATION EFFICIENCY." THE FCC SAID THAT CONTINUING TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE YES TO BE PRESENT WOULD PRESERVE THE PROTECTION OF CROSS-CHECKING, AS SOUGHT BY THE ARRL.

THE COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSES TO GIVE EXAMINATION CREDIT TO FORMER LICENSEES, AS REQUESTED BY THE ARRL IN RM-8418. THE FCC SAID THE LEAGUE'S POSITION HAD MERIT, AND THE PROPOSED NEW RULE WOULD ALLOW YES TO GIVE EXAM ELEMENT CREDIT FOR ANY EXAM THE APPLICANT HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED. IN ADDITION, THE FCC ASKS FOR COMMENTS ON CRITERIA "IT SHOULD USE" TO ALLOW CREDIT ON AMATEUR EXAMS FOR OTHER TYPES OF FORMERLY AND CURRENTLY HELD US OPERATOR LICENSES AND FOREIGN LICENSES.

THE FCC ALSO AGREED WITH THE ARRL PROPOSAL IN RM-8462 THAT BONA FIDE AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS SHOULD COMPRISE A MINIMUM OF FOUR PEOPLE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A CLUB STATION LICENSE AND PROPOSES A RULE TO THAT EFFECT.

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## The Return Of NS5N

A short time prior to Jay's, NS5N, departure for Central America, the *OVH Times* managed to get some of Jay's precious free time remaining and speak to him about several issues that impart amateur radio, as a hobby, in a different light. Especially, as a American in a foreign country.

I hope you enjoy some of his comments. Jay is off again, serving his Country in a foreign land.

1. *OVH Times* - "How in the world did you manage to come back? Was this plan-or did it come about by the luck of Irish?"

*NS5N* - "Classified information."

2. *OVH Times* - "What was the first thing your XYL did when she saw you? Did she recognize you? We understand that you're not the same NS5N?"

*NS5N* - "I actually got a kiss, then she recognized me!"

3. *OVH Times* - "What are the one or two things that you miss the most, while being down there?" "Is beating the "white ball" one of them?"

*NS5N* - "I have to admit, I really missed being able to sit down to a good salad. You can't trust the veggies too far and the selection wasn't that good. I missed golf too, mainly because membership at the cheapest club was six thousand dollars (US) a year plus green fees!"

4. *OVH Times* - "Have you had any contact with the Venezuelan amateur radio operators? If so, what's your impression of the Venezuelan amateur radio operators?"

*NS5N* - "Unfortunately, when I inquired about some of the antennas I saw around the neighborhood or near friends' homes, I was informed that the owners were probably narco-traffickers and it would not be a good idea to go ringing door bells!"

5. *OVH Times* - "Are you able to judge the quality of amateur radio in Venezuela? Is there as much or more interest than here?"

*NS5N* - "If 10% of the antennas that I saw was any indication of legal activity, I would have to say that the interest is quite high. I did listen from time to time on some of the bands, but it was all some foreign language (Spanish)."

6. *OVH Times* - "Just what the heck are you eating down there? Are you sticking to the good ole Uncle Sam food or are you tasting the culture?"

*NS5N* - "I continually dined on the economy. They have an Arturo's (beats our Colonel's best chicken), several excellent seafood restaurants, good Chinese, although, they never got it spicy enough for me, and the steak is always good. My favorite dish (local) is called Pabellon. It is shredded marinated beef served with black beans, rice, and fried bananas. This is usually served with the requisite arepa (their version of a hush puppy)."

7. *OVH Times* - "How are you spending your free time down there? Are you getting a chance at all to play "ham"?"

*NS5N* - "Only got on the air a couple of times to check into the American Eagle net, but since the Embassy is very close to the face of the Avila (the mountain range there), I had zero propagation on 10 meters to the north. Most of my free time was spent shooting darts during the week and

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swimming on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays."

8. *OVH Times* - "What kind of radio equipment are you getting your hands on to operate? And what type of a set-up are you using?"

*NS5N* - "I had access to a fine Rockwell-Collins 500 watt unit within the Defense Attaché Office for fun and games after hours and on weekends. The only caveat was there had to be DAO personnel in the office. Only happened twice in six months."

9. *OVH Times* - "Does martial law play any impact upon your radio operation and the things you do during work or after work?"

*NS5N* - "None what-so-ever. My Embassy ID and carnet (ID card) were pretty much what you would call get-out-of-jail-free cards. This is not the case in some other places I have been."

10. *OVH Times* - "Are you getting your copy of the *OVH Times*? And if so, what is the average time delay from here to there? You know I had to ask...especially being the newsletter editor!"

*NS5N* - "I am/was receiving the *OVH Times* as regular as clockwork. It arrives usually on the day of the meeting. There is about a five to seven day transit time for the mail to Caracas."

11. *OVH Times* - "What are your future plans with regards to amateur radio, down there? Is there going to be a path for packet work, or a "sked" or whatever?"

*NS5N* - "That is unknown at this time. I will not be returning to Caracas. I do plan on getting on the air from my next assignment. I have already packed away my

Heathkit QRP CW setup and I plan on purchasing a new handheld to use with the KPC TNC for packet."

12. *OVH Times* - "When the heck are you coming back ...or are you coming back? And if you are coming back, what neat gifts are you going to bring us?"

*NS5N* - "I should return every six months for training. This is not etched in stone, but if we stay away any longer than that, the big boss thinks we may have disappeared or gone native. I can always send back goodies from the AGA like tee shirts, coffee mugs (got one for you all ready Scott) and similar items. The Marines are always selling ball caps to raise money for their bar."

13. *OVH Times* - "Is there anybody you miss here, or in Steve's (N4OGR) case, don't miss here from the *OVH*?"

*NS5N* - "Oddly enough, I miss the monthly fellowship of the meeting. It always gave me the opportunity to socialize a bit with the people I always enjoyed talking to or sometimes missed talking to during the month."

14. *OVH Times* - "And the last question...have you figured out a way that we can get you to buy a chance in the 50-50 drawing each month? You do realize that you might have to make a few extra trips back to Manassas, rather on little notice to fill the monthly refreshment chairmanship?"

*NS5N* - "Well, I am having my health club membership billed directly to my VISA, but I don't think *OVH* is set up for anything like that yet to be used for 50/50 tickets! And I imagine, if I were footing the bill out of pocket for refreshments, someone would be bringing in the steak and lobster for everybody."

*Take care my friend and 73 - The Editor*

# The Last Bit Of QST

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## RULE CHANGES DETAILED- CONT'D

IN RESPONSE TO AN ARRL REQUEST AS PART OF THE VANITY CALL SIGN PROGRAM, THE COMMISSION PROPOSES TO MAKE ONE-BY-ONE CALL SIGNS AVAILABLE TO SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS. REQUESTS FOR SUCH CALL SIGNS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE 120 DAYS IN ADVANCE THE PERIOD OF THE SPECIAL CALL SIGN WOULD BE 15 DAYS OR FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT, WHICHEVER IS SHORTER. THE APPLICATION WOULD HAVE TO STATE THE NATURE OF THE EVENT AND INCLUDE A LIST OF REQUESTED CALL SIGNS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

FINALLY, THE FCC ALSO PROPOSES TO ALLOW PORTABLE INDICATORS TO BE INCLUDED BEFORE, AFTER, OR BOT BEFORE AND AFTER, THE ASSIGNED CALL SIGN. THIS WAS, THE FCC SAID, IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITS RULE 97.119(C).

THE COMMENT DEADLINE FOR THESE PROPOSALS, IN WT DOCKET 95-57, IS JULY 14, 1995. THE REPLY COMMENT DEADLINE IS AUGUST 14, 1995.

Attention : Veterans !!!

## VA-ONLINE Up and Running

The Veterans Affairs Department doesn't plan to be left on the shoulder of the information superhighway. Computer users can now reach the agency's information bulletin board service, VA-ONLINE, on the Internet.

"VA just placed the quickest single source of VA and other veteran-related information at veterans' fingertips," VA Secretary Jesse Brown said. "While the initial offerings of VA-ONLINE are fairly modest, our potential for rapid growth and expansion of services is limitless."

More than 8,000 calls have been received by VA-ONLINE, and at least 6,000 users have downloaded information.

A Persian Gulf newsletter and the Veterans Benefits Administration's "Fast Facts," descriptions of benefits, eligibility and how to apply are among the more popular features on VA-ONLINE. On-line messaging is available to leave comments and suggestions for VA officials. And users can find employment opportunities, Small Business Administration bulletin board services and

FEDWORLD, which gives readers access to more than 130 other federal bulletin boards.

Offices such as the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration and the National Cemetary System can be reached on VA-ONLINE. Other offices are expected to be added soon. To reach VA-ONLINE, call (800) US1-VETS, or the Internet Telnet/FTP address is VAONLINE.VA.GOV or 192.26.48.131.

"FEDERAL TIMES," April 3, 1995 on page 20:  
**Courtesy Of Jack/N4YIC**

## Classified Corner

### TOWERS & ACCESORIES

#### Rohn HBX 48' Tower - Used

This tower has some rust, but can be reconditioned with a little effort.

Contact Mike/KB4CVL @ 791 2344 for further information and quote.

#### Rohn HBX 48' Tower & Accesories - Used

\*Mosely Classic 33 Tri band Antenna (10-15-20M)  
Elements approx. 25'

\*CDE Tailtwister Rotor - Heavy Duty rotor with control box (T2X model)

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Contact George/N4IXV @ 368-2732

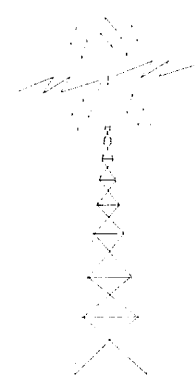
#### Preview Of The New OVH 440

#### Repeater.....

**\*Reminder -  
New Change  
In meeting  
Location -**

**Manassas Vol.  
Rescue**

**Training Room. Located In The City of  
Manassas. Next To The Courthouse !**





## Local Club News

### 440 Repeater Work Continues

The OVH 440 Repeater Crew has continued work on the new 440 machine. The crew has completed nearly all the tower work necessary for the operation of the new machine.

At the present time, a new vertical main antenna has been erected with a 6 element beam, for control purposes, at the 95'-100' level on the KE4HCT tower. The tower is located on the east side of Bull Run Mountain. A new Rohn 25 side bracket mount houses both of the antennas. 7/8" hardline runs the entire length of the tower for the main vertical antenna, while 1/2" hardline supplies the control antenna. Approximately 2 1/2 hours worth of actual tower work was necessary to raise the antenna and bracket structures, make all the connections and secure all the hardline. The aluminum repeater box, located at the base of the tower, has been wired for power and is ready to accept the radio equipment.

The 440 Crew is still optimistic that the June 1 operational goal date will be met, and that possibly the machine may be operational for the OVH Hamfest. Currently, the main transmitter radio crystals are being ordered.

The Crew is still searching for a main transceiver with a 100 watt power rating, for the site. Until then, the Crew will utilize a temporary radio with a lower power rating. Any members

with knowledge of a 100 watt transceiver are encouraged to contact one of the 440 Crew.

In other related news, the 440 Crew has submitted their objections to T-MARC, about their planned coordination of the same OVH 440 frequencies, to BRATS in Baltimore. Apparently, BRATS has requested re-coordination of their 440 machine from its current frequencies.

### 2 OVH 'ers Active In Public Service Bike Rides

Harry, W4PVA and Steve, N4OGR, both, have been very active in the public service arena lately by supporting area bike rides. Harry has committed two consecutive weekends in a row (both Sat & Sun) to assisting in the bike rides.

The only complaint that Harry had about the last bike ride, the MS 150, was the "rock n' roll" music that blared non-stop at his assigned post, at a rest stop. Apparently, a local radio station was also there for the duration!

Congratulations and good work done, go out to both Harry and Steve! Well done OVH'ers!

### OVH To Offer Exam Session

The OVH Club will offer a Exam session at the Northern Virginia Community College - Manassas campus on June 10, 1995. The site will be in the

main campus building and will start at 9:00 AM. All are invited. For further information about location and fees, contact Harry/W4PVA @ 368-6050. Also, if you can assist in the exam process, Harry would like to hear from you.

### OVH Bylaws Are Passed !

It's official! The OVH membership has voted on the new bylaw changes, and they are now effective. Copies of the new bylaws were handed out to all attending club members at the last club meeting. If you were not present for the meeting, your copy of the new bylaws will be mailed out to you. If you don't receive your copy in the next couple of weeks, please contact Butchie/W4HJL @ 369-2877.

### Membership Chairperson To Remain

Chuck/KE4JWY, has decided to retain his position as the OVH Membership Chairperson. It was recently learned that Chuck was giving serious consideration of relinquishing his duties as Membership Chairperson, due to work related considerations. However, Chuck has "bitten the bullet" so to speak, and decided to forge ahead!

How about that for dedication and spirit! A "atta boy" is in order for Chuck/KE4JWY!

OVH Hamfest Set  
Up On June 3rd !

*The Editor*

OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 17, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 8:01PM, with 33 members and 4 guests present for a total attendance of 37.

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 Harry/W4PVA for his great job on coordinating and supervising the communications support provided to the County's annual Bike Ride. He also thanked Steve/N4OGR for his continuing work on the Clubs hat program.

#### 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.

Rick/KU3M Chairman of the Field Day committee, reported that the Long Park site had been secured again. Rick is in need of Novice station equipment, people to provide the food and do the cooking, and of course, operators to come out and enjoy both the on the air fun and the good company of the other OVH members and families.

KD4DFB/Erv also reported that the Education Committee's weekly classes were canceled the week of April 10th due to the Spring Break vacation at Stonewall Jackson High School. Classes will resume on the 18th, same place and time.

Harry/W4PVA Emergency Communications Committee reported that the Prince William County Bike Tour was held in Nokesville on 4 Apr 95 with the OVH providing communications support as required. Harry said the ride went well. We understand there were over 80

participants this year and that mishaps were minimal. Pr William County gave all participating HAMS T-shirts and Mugs.

Jimmy/WA2QEJ guaranteed the Club that the new repeater controller would be up and running by the first or second week of May.

Chuck/KE4JWY Membership committee read in requests for new memberships from, Carroll Shelton/KS4TI and James Lamb/KB0HSA. New members voted in were: Andrew Jezioro/WA2ONG, Warren Bain/N4MWU and Joel Bielski/KC4MHT.

Scott/KE4HCT reporting on the HAMFEST stated that the Tickets were being printed and that things generally seem to be on track. He stated that they still need help to work tailgate tickets and folks to help with parking cars in the back area. Please call Scott to get on the list. The next HAMFEST committee meeting will be May 3 ,6:30PM at the Bull Run library community room.

Scott also reported that there were no problems with the Newsletter this month, and as a reminder the deadline for entries is the 9th of the month. Scott also asked that if you note any errors or omissions please call him direct via the landline not on the air.

There was no report from the Computer committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Scott/KE4HCT reported that the new 440Mhz repeater is back on track thanks to NV FM who have graciously provided 8 canisters with more to come and the 7/8 hard-line run to go with them. NVFMA also

recommended that the unit not be installed in the outside box as planned, based on their previous experiences, and Scott agreed. A motion was made to set aside up to \$1000 for the 440Mhz repeater contingent upon agreement with the Club, the repeater will remain private until the agreement is finalized.

All votes for the proposed changes to the Bylaws/Constitution were collected and counted along with those that had been received in the mail. The changes were voted in by a vote of 65 to 3.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Erv/KD4DFB brought up repeater interference and there was considerable discussion with no conclusions reached. Ideas on a cure will be discussed at the next meeting.

Scott/KE4HCT brought up the W5YI proposed RM8626 to eliminate one-way ARRL broadcasts below 30MHZ. It was agreed that the OVH Secretary would draft up a letter for individual submission to the FCC if desired.

Scott/KE4HCT advised that the Dogwood Half-Hundred Hike needs operators for the April 29 event, see Scott if you can help.

#### PROGRAM

There was no program at this months meeting.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Joe AB4QV.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Charlie Dale, WA4YGI*  
OVH Secretary

# OLE VIRGINIA HAM RADIO CLUB

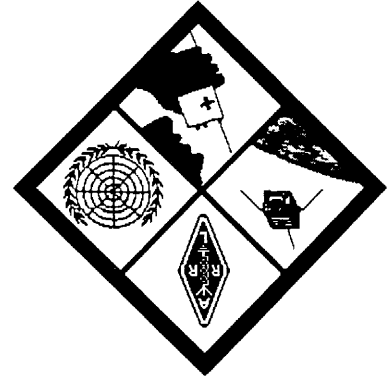
May 29 - July 09, 1995



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>May 29</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240/223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 John F. Kennedy (1917) Memorial Day (Observed) 	<b>May 30</b> 7:00 PM OVH No-Code Class 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>May 31</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ. ARA/147.165	<b>June 1</b> 7:00 PM OVH Novice Code Class 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHz	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b> OVH Hamfest Setup - 8:00 AM Old Dominion 100M Horse - ARES Portugal Day Contest	<b>June 4</b> 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 <b>OVH HAMFEST</b> Pentecost VEC - LANDOVER, MD
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<b>June 12</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240/223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 ARRL June VIII QSO Party Full Moon George Bush 71st Birthday	<b>June 13</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>June 14</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ. ARA/147.165 Flag Day	<b>June 15</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHz Corpus Christi VEC - TOWSON, MD WIAW Qual Run	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 17</b> LANCASTER HAMFEST, PA VEC - LAUREL, MD VEC - SMITHBURG, MD All Asian CW DX Contest	<b>June 18</b> 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 Father's Day FREDERICK HAMFEST, MD
<b>June 19</b> 8:00 PM MEETING - OLE VIRGINIA HAMS 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240/223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31	<b>June 20</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655	<b>June 21</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ. ARA/147.165 Summer bonfire 	<b>June 22</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHz	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 24</b> SP-QRP International Contest <b>OVH FIELD DAY</b>	<b>June 25</b> 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91
<b>June 26</b> 8:00 PM NET-WDBG WIRELESS-147.240/223.18 9:00 PM NET-HERNDON RG/145.31 VEC - ANNAPOLIS, MD	<b>June 27</b> 8:00 PM NET-CULPEPPER ARA/147.12 9:00 PM NET-MT VERNON/146.655 New Moon	<b>June 28</b> 8:00 PM NET-NVFMA/146.79 9:00 PM NET-FAUQ. ARA/147.165	<b>June 29</b> 8:00 PM NET-OVH-146.970/224.66 MHz	<b>June 30</b> WIAW Qual Run	<b>July 1</b> RAC Canada Day Contest	<b>July 2</b> 9:00 PM CAPITAL AREA ARES NET/146.91 VEC - LANDOVER, 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  
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