

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JUNE 1996

Next meeting: 17 June 1996  
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room

Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for the Newsletter!!!  
(Editor)

## Message From the President

Hey OVH:

WOW, we did it again. What a neat Hamfest. My special THANKS goes to all OVH members and guests who supported the hamfest. There is not enough space here to give my usual special thanks to all that deserve it so I will just give a special, special THANKS to Bill/N4YIC and Jim/WD4OJY who stepped in (and up) at the most opportune time and saved the day. Their efforts deserve a two thumbs up AND a hat's off.

Harry/W4PVA and his assistants also get a special THANKS for taking care of the VE session on 8 June.

FIELD DAY, coming up on June 22/23, is our next big event. It's at J.C. Long Park. Hopefully Rick will have an article with details. All members and guests should attend this month's meeting (June 17) to find out the latest scoop. All new hams should take advantage of FIELD Day's opportunity to learn about and practice their operating skills because they can operate and help out on all amateur bands regardless of their license class.

I am still pursuing ARES participation and there will be more info available in the near future. The first step I'll be taking is to update our ARES membership list -- so stay tuned -- it will be covered thoroughly in the newsletter.

TNX FER LISTENING.....73 es CUATM de Erv/KT4DS

OVH has two members recovering from recent surgeries: Chuck Renner (WA8YCK) and Russ Stevens (WB4HHN) -- best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Cathy Whalen, formerly KE4JWZ, has recently upgraded to EXTRA! and her new call is AE4UM. Congratulations!

Birthdays this month include Steve (N4OUR) and Jan Frick (KE4TMW), AND Vi Vorhauer, wife of Harry (W4PVA). Happy Birthday to all!

For recognition of your happy (or sad) event please contact Jan Frick at 257-0897.

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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 is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 8:00 PM every third Monday of the month, at the Northern Virginia Electric Co., located at 1333 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) and 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: Steve Meade KB4OF, PO Box 1418, Manassas, VA 22110-1418.

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**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**May 20, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, with 32 members and 8 guests present for a total attendance of 40.

The meeting was presided over by Ivan, KT4DZ, and was opened with the pledge of allegiance, oral roll call, and signing of the attendance list. Ivan extended the clubs congratulations to Kathy/AE4UM for passing her Extra Class License exam and Jeff/KF4JSV for receiving his first Ham license.

On a motion by Ivan, the minutes of the April meeting were accepted as presented via the Newsletter and Packet.

Ivan/KT4DZ also announced congratulations to those who helped replace the 2m repeater antenna on the NOVEC tower. Butch/W4HJL explained that the new controller was in place and working great and, that most of our repeater problems were due to the old antenna, but we still were getting some interference from the ever increasing number of VHF paging signals being generated in this area.

Harry/W4PVA reported that the Prince William portion of the recent MS bike tour went well, and that OVH radio assistance was provided "as expected".

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**TREASURER**

Joe/AB4QV read the Treasurer's report. It was accepted without objection on a motion by Ivan, KT4DZ.

## FIELD DAY

Rick/KU3M reports that Long Park is still on for this year, and that we are still looking for a closer in sight, possibly for this year but definitely for next year. Several new sights have been checked but a determination has yet to be made. Ken/KM4UH needs to know of any changes that may affect his Field Day advertising.

## MEMBERSHIP

Bob/KF4FIC read in: Charles Haithcock (Len), KJ4U, Jeffrey Poulin, KF4JSV and, Loren Carlson KI6NF. Voted in were: Bob Weis/no call and Mike Townsend/KF4GTW.

## OLD BUSINESS

### HAMFEST

Jack/N4YIC & Butch/W4HJL reported that HAMFEST plans are continuing on track, but volunteers are still needed in some areas. If you can help let Butch or Jack know and they will put you in touch with the right people.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bill/N4WJN advised that the OVH roster was now available on BBSHRG. The search machine is the same as that used for SAM callsigns.

## PROGRAM

Ed Hammond/WN1I representing the ARRL presented his "Ham Night Presentation". He discussed such things as the Amateur's code, Today's Ham Radio Scene, Stages of Amateur Growth, and the benefits of ARRL membership. This was a very professional program and Ed did such an outstanding job he signed up four new ARRL members. He also conducted several drawings giving away ARRL publications.

Because of the above program, there was no 50/50.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charlie/WA4YGI

## OVH Repeater Intermod Survey

The OVH 146.97MHz repeater has been experiencing intermod interference for quite some time. The apparent offenders are 152.240MHz (second harmonic) mixing somewhere with 158.100MHz. Both emitters appear to be pagers and have been identified by callsign (KUU650 and KNBK613 respectively). At first, we thought that the source was on-site at the NOVEC tower; in addition, we needed to realign one of the antenna elements. So, since the antenna was last overhauled in 1982, we decided to replace the antenna - hoping that it might solve most of our problems. It solved part of the problem - things are better. BUT. We think the intermod source may be down around the tower near the old Manassas Bakery.

If you are near that area, or can "DF" on that area, please monitor 146.97 and see if you can pick it up. Note the relative signal strength, what you used to monitor (handheld, etc.) and DF bearing if available, and let me know. The new rigs with plastic cases are susceptible to all kinds of intermod problems, so be careful.

Thanks,  
Art W1CRO

## HAMFEST '96

Well, good fortune is still with us; the volunteer responsible for tuning in the weather did a magnificent job and once again it turned out to be a beautiful, warm, sunny day for our Hamfest '96 in Manassas. Lots of hard work and good planning on the parts of many very generous Ole Virginia Hams club volunteers made it a smoothly run affair, one to be proud of.

We were fortunate again this year to be assisted by Mr. Chris Farrell and Boy Scout Troop 1195 who did an admirable job policing the grounds for us; Mr. Michael Baptist, N3NVF, and the North Point Amateur Radio Club who did their usual great job of directing the huge vehicle parking effort; and Chief Paul Palmer and his Base Jackson Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department volunteers who spent the day on site to provide professional medical treatment if required. Each of these organizations will be receiving a letter reflecting our sincere thanks and a generous donation.

To those caring club members who provided so much in so many ways, you can and should feel very proud of your contributions. Through your extensive efforts, we managed to provide, first and foremost, a nice, fun filled, family oriented day for more than 3,000 Amateur Radio and computer enthusiasts and visitors to enjoy. The many vendors who came appreciated the opportunity to introduce and sell their wares; the local hoteliers and restaurateurs love you.

In the financial vein, we earned a profit again this year which will enable us to provide much appreciated scholarship funding through our association with the Foundation for Amateur Radio to deserving area students.

So, now you can sit back and enjoy the good feeling of having given your best and having done it right. It was certainly my pleasure to work with all of you this year. You each have my sincere thanks and appreciation. Well done.

Jack McDermott N4YIC  
Hamfest '96 Co-Chairman

## ARES/RACES

I am just now getting involved in the ARES/RACES programs in this area. So far, the only thing I have been able to determine is that an organizational structure is in place but we need better records for membership and implementing emergency procedures.

I don't know how or what to do first - so I've decided to get started by publishing monthly articles on this subject and will be updating our membership records.

Inside the back page of this newsletter is a registration form. To become an ARES/RACES member, or if you think you are already a member, just fill out the form and return it to me by mail or bring it to a meeting or send it to OVH, Attn.: ARES coord. P.O.Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110.

Otherwise, **SAVE THE FORM**, because after reading the forthcoming articles, I am sure you will want to sign up.

NOTE: In the Commonwealth of Virginia, if you have membership in ARES you are automatically a member of RACES (provided a current membership list exists - this is where I come in).

Erv KT4DS

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE  
REGISTRATION FORM - Part Two  
National Capital District, Virginia RACES Addendum

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE  
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bus. phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 License Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary radio interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 License Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	Check (x) bands/modes you can operate					
	160	80	40	20	15	10
CW					2	220
FM						
DATA						
SSB						
MOBILE						
PACKET						

Call sign of your Home PBBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Can your home station be operated without commercial power? Yes  NO

If yes, What bands? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To All Radio Amateurs: The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is a voluntary organization of licensed radio amateurs who have registered their capabilities and equipment for providing emergency communications in the event of natural disaster, when regular communications fail or are inadequate. Sponsored by ARRL, the ARES functions at the local level to meet local communications needs.

The ARES has a long history of public service going back to its formal inception in 1935. Since that time the ARES has responded countless times to communications emergencies.

Experience has proven that radio amateurs respond more capably in time of emergency when practice has been conducted in an organized group. There is no substitute for experience gained before the need arises.

The ARES in each locality operates under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator (EC), whose function is to direct the activities of the ARES to maintain a state of readiness.

To register in the ARES, send the above Registration Form directly to your EC, or to ARRL HQ, for forwarding to your EC. **League membership is not required for registration.** Registration does not require possession of any specially designed equipment. All amateurs can be of assistance to the ARES. **There is provision in the ARES for every amateur regardless of class of license, equipment owned, or personal circumstances.**

**Won't you join us in providing this essential Amateur Radio Service?**

Please check off those areas that you would like to be called to participate. You will **NOT** be called for areas that you do not check off.

Public Service \_\_\_\_\_ All the below \_\_\_\_\_ Emer \_\_\_\_\_ All the below \_\_\_\_\_  
 10K or other "fun" runs.  Snow emergency ops.  
 Marine Corps Marathon  Wheel drive vehicle?  
 Parades and other public events.  Red Cross shelter and etc.  
 Children's festival.  Emergency management shelters, etc.  
 Bike rides - local.  Skywarn (Do you want training?)  
 National bike rides  HF ops. in support of Red Cross  
 (MS, A.A., BVA etc.)

Do you have any special needs or issues that we should be aware of?

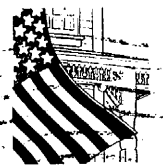
- Wheel-chair bound.
- Visual impairment
- Can you walk long distances?
- Only have one battery for radio?
- Only have a mobile radio?
- Do not have own transportation?
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: There are many things a person can do even if one or more of the above conditions apply. We simply need this information in order to plan properly.

**The Commonwealth of Virginia has made members of ARES automatically a RACES member.** Therefore, any training with ARES will carry over into the RACES role and ARES ECs are RACES Radio Officers.

If you have any questions contact your local EC or Frank Mackey, District National Capital District, Virginia ARES at 703-455-1510.

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