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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

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## Message From the President

This column is a 3 month catch-up attempt. I hope all is well with everybody and that you survived the holiday season in good fashion. And -- now that all the new toys are on the air, the junk boxes are renovated and you have settled into the new year complete with your resolution to be more 'radio-active' --- let's get on with our club business and activities.

We have had excellent attendance of members and guests throughout the winter months and have had lots of fun. Thanks OVH and lets keep the trend going. You need to come to the meetings and greet the new (or should I say old) club officers, Steve/KB4OF our newsletter editor and Jack/N4YIC our hamfest cochairman.

One thing I would like to get started is volunteers to present programs 'of HAM interest' at the meetings. I think this is a necessary part of our future and would certainly be of interest to our new hams. I am not talking Ph.D. thesis work - just practical, everyday, this-is-the-way-I-did-it, lunch box crowd info so the young hams can do their own experimenting to find their niche in ham radio. There are a lot of subjects out there: packet, NTS (packet, HF, VHF), ARES, EME, power supplies, antennas, interference (all kinds) etc. So volunteer to help everybody to know all the different aspects of ham radio.

Remember that June is OVH's month of the ham. June 2 is the hamfest, June 8 is the VEC test session and June 29/30 is field day.

Public service events on the horizon are the PW County Spring Bike Tour and for you long, long, long term thinkers, keep June 22-26 open for supporting the Bike America Group's two state tour which includes Prince William County. Let's make-em proud and practice our ARES capabilities.

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

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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 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.

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**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
February 19, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, with 28 members and 9 guests present for a total attendance of 37.

The meeting was presided over by Erv, KT4DS, and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing of the attendance list. Erv extended a special welcome to the many guests and members.

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as presented via the Newsletter and Packet, and copies were available.

Erv announced that he will soon be replacing Harry/W4PVA as Emergency Coordinator, and that Charlie/WA4YGI will be replacing Erv as the new Education Committee chairman. Also, he noted that Jack/N4YIC replaces Scott/KT4ER as Hamfest chairman and Steve/KB4OF is the new editor of the OVH Newsletter.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TREASURER**

Joe, AB4QV, read the Treasurer's report. It was accepted without objection on a motion by Erv, KT4DS.

### **FINANCE**

Tim/KB4NR read the Finance committees' report. A motion was made, seconded, and the report was accepted as read.

### **440**

Erv reported that the special 440 committee would be terminated as soon as the agreement with Scott/KT4DS was signed.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Charlie KE4JWY read in: WD4FOX, D.C. Gluck, and AB4TB, Ron Menold and voted in Bob & Lisa Wikfors KF4FJC/KF4FJD.

### **PACKET**

Bill/N4WJN reported that a speed increase on the Packet node to 9.6KB was a concept whose time had come, at least for backbone use, with 2m user access coming later. The final figure for the equipment upgrade would be around \$1000 all inclusive. The budget figure noted was \$800.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Butch/W4HJL reported that our usual site at the J.C. Long Park would not be available for Field Day this year. He requested that any member who knew of a suitable site to contact the Field Day chairman Rick/KU3M as soon as possible.

Art/W1CRO reported that thanks to Tim/KB4NR, Butch/W4HJL, Jimmy/WA2QEJ, and Alan/KD4KBX the new 100W 440MHZ transceiver and controller are fully operational and will, hopefully, be installed the weekend of 24-25 Feb. Some of the technical problems with the old controller have been solved but some still remain.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Club election Ballots were handed out by the Board of Directors and all club members present voted. And SURPRISE, the current board of officers were re-elected by a landslide of 28-0.

## PROGRAM

Bill/N4WJN presented a very informative briefing on Packet radio. The perspective of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, was very enlightening. He explained TNC, computers, radios and interfaces. He also reviewed prices, sizes and modern capabilities and how new users might get set up. He also talked about interfacing with the internet and the future possibilities of an OVH Home Page and hi-speed E-mail type Hamnets. Overall, an excellent program report which was appreciated by all present. Well done, Bill.

The 50-50 drawing was won by KE4GKH, Brian McMahon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charlie WA4YGI

### WITH DEEPEST REGRETS

Beverly Hills, FL  
February 27, 1996

Ole Virginia Hams, A.R.C.

This is to inform you that Frank Atkinson, K4CB, passed away January 22, 1996.

His greatest enjoyment was to read the Ole Virginia Hams Newsletter and looked forward to it every month.

Much appreciated and many thanks.

Sincerely,

Emmaruth Atkinson  
XYL - K4CB

When I joined the club in January 1977 as WD4AZI, the OVH held it's meetings in the old Stone House in Manassas Park's Costello Park. Frank Atkinson was one of the mainstays of the club and a regular at all of the meetings and club functions. When Frank first retired to Florida he had a hard time leaving Manassas. For several years, Frank and his wife Emmaruth would split their home QTH. They would spend six months in Florida and six months here in Manassas. For a long time, Frank would check in on Sunday afternoons on 75 meters phone with other members of the OVH. Frank will be missed.

Steve/KB4OF

## DUES INFORMATION

As of March 8th, 121 members have paid their dues. This is 77% of the club! After March 31st, non-paid members become "Inactive" and will no longer receive the newsletter.

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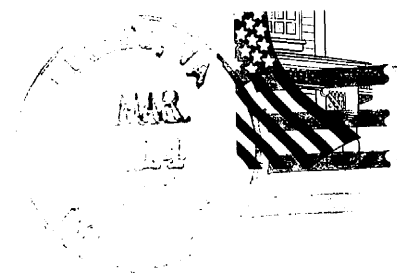
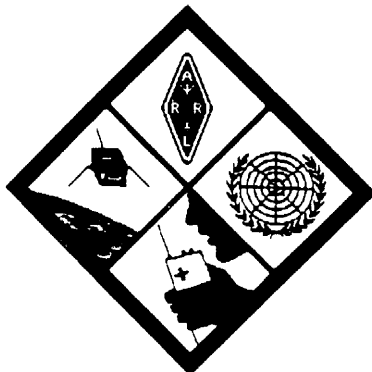
### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The following is extracted from a letter from a Sam Somers, WB4FGS, and is reiterated here for your information.

When an emergency arises, stay calm and think clearly. Do not unnecessarily use the telephone, as the telephone resources, like radio, are limited. Help keep the circuits available for emergency use. Call 911 for true emergencies only. The best way to get information in times of emergency is to listen to broadcast radio for official news and announcements. FOR THE RADIO AMATEUR MONITOR THE CLUB REPEATER FOR OFFICIAL REQUESTS OR READINESS STATUS REPORTS.

I add; you should keep your vehicle as fully fueled as is practical - this is especially true in winter where electrical service to gas stations may fail and they would not be able to pump.

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