

The OVH ARC Newsletter
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

MAY 1996

**Next meeting: 20 May 1996
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

**My apologies for no newsletter last month.
(editor)**

Message From the President

Hey OVH;

Last month we have had excellent attendance of members and guests and had lots of fun. Thanks OVH!!!

Be sure and sign up for your favorite hamfest position soonest. Its best to sign up for something before Butch/W4HJL does it for you at the meeting.

Remember that June is OVH's month of the ham. June 2nd is the hamfest, June 8th is the VEC test session and June 22/23 is field day.

Public service event on the horizon, 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

Hamfest --- June 2, 1996!!!

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1996 HAMFEST COCHAIRMAN

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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 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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Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation - 170

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 15, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, with 26 members and 4 guests present for a total attendance of 30.

The meeting was presided over by Erv, KT4DS, and was opened with oral roll call, and signing of the attendance list. The Pledge of Allegiance was not possible due to a missing flag. Erv extended a special thanks to Bob Wickfors/KF4FJC who volunteered to take over the Membership Chairmanship, and to Harry/W4PVA and all the other volunteers for their efforts during the recent Prince William Bike Tour. On a motion by Erv, the minutes of the March meeting were accepted as presented via the Newsletter and Packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HAMFEST

Jack/N4YIC reported that HAMFEST plans are continuing on track, ticket printing has been completed and, although we are losing Joe/K4FPT as commercial vendor person because of a job change, Jim/WD4OJY has graciously volunteered to take over. Please be sure and give Jack a call and let him know where and when you can assist.

FIELD DAY

Rick/KU3M reports that Long Park is still on but he is still looking for a closer in sight. Please keep your eyes peeled and let Rick know if you have a good sight in mind.

MEMBERSHIP

Erv/KT4DS reporting for Charlie KE4JWY read in: Bob Weis/no call and Mike Townsend/KG4GTW. Voted in were: Charles Patterson, KF4EWL, Bob Stepien, KF4FJE, William Hinley, W6SKL, and Boris (Bob) Platonov, WF3J.

OLD BUSINESS

PACKET

Bill/N4WJN reported that the 440mhz node has been tested in preparation for the scheduled 9600bps upgrade. A motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor to budget \$900 for the upgrade.

Harry/W4PVA reported that VEC volunteer examiners will now be allowed to be involved in book sales and work in the electronic industry.

PROGRAM

Boris (Bob)/WF3J gave a very interesting and enlightening description of Amateur radio like in the Soviet Union during the 1960-80's time frame. Bob talked about his family background and sacrifice, and how the KGB was involved in almost all aspects of daily life and especially in the life of Amateur operators and the running of their stations. He explained some of the tradeoffs that had to be made to get equipment and be able to operate during those days. After Glasnost he said things got a lot easier. He also told us that his first love is CW (he copies 60WPM) and how he used to love working the contests as a young man. We are eagerly awaiting Field Day so we can put Bob on the Key.

The 50 - 50 drawing was won by Harry/W4PVA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully Submitted
Charlie/WA4YGI

W4PVA Tidbit

Harry presented this information at the March club meeting. Thought that those club members who weren't able to attend the meeting might like to take it in. (editor)

BASIC ANTENNA TYPES

Originally there were two major types of antennas and they were referred to as 1) The Marconi and 2) The Hertz. The Marconi antenna used ground as a part of the antenna while the Hertz was an antenna that did not use ground as a component. An example of the Marconi would be the Long Wire Antenna while an example of the Hertz type would be the Dipole Antenna. Both were functional and there was a great deal of controversy in regard to their merits. I note here that the vertical antenna is a form of the Marconi and it requires a ground (or counterpoise) to function properly.

The most recent ARRL Antenna Book defines a counterpoise as "A wire or group of wires mounted close to ground, but insulated from ground, to form a low-impedance, high-capacitance path to ground . . .". This same text tells us that a Ground Plane is "A system of conductors placed beneath an elevated antenna to serve as an earth ground. -also see counterpoise". If you find that your mike is "hot", you can alleviate the situation through use of a counterpoise wire connected to it. (This counterpoise wire is usually a quarter wave length long at your operating frequency.)

**AMATEUR STATION VANITY CALL SIGN SYSTEM
FILING GATE 1 OPENS MAY 31, 1996**

Amateur operators who meet the following eligibility standards may request a vanity call sign on or after May 31, 1996. File your request on FCC Form 610-V. Legibility is critical! If the information on your application is not legible, you could experience a delay in processing, lose the opportunity to obtain a requested call sign or even obtain a call sign different from what you want. You must hold an unexpired amateur operator/primary station license grant of the proper operator class, as described below, to request a vanity call sign for your primary station. To request a vanity call sign for a club station, you must also hold an unexpired club station license grant listing you as the license trustee. Refer to the licensee data base to verify that the call sign you are requesting is not already assigned. A call sign is normally assignable two years following license expiration, surrender, revocation, set aside, cancellation, void ab initio, or death of the grantee. See Fact Sheet PR5000 Number 206-V AMATEUR STATION VANITY CALL SIGN SYSTEM. For explanations of Groups A, B, C and D and the geographic Regions, see Fact Sheet PR-5000 #206, AMATEUR STATION SEQUENTIAL CALL SIGN SYSTEM.

REQUEST BY FORMER HOLDER (PRIMARY STATION) - For your primary station, you may request a call sign that was previously assigned to your primary, secondary, repeater, auxiliary link, control, or space station. When so requesting for your primary station: You may request your former call sign even though it has been unassigned for less than two years. The two year requirement does not apply to an otherwise eligible primary station if the call sign was previously assigned to a station of the requestor. You do not have to hold a class of operator license required for the Group (A, B, C, or D) for the call sign requested. A call sign request by former holder may be from any Group in the sequential system. Your mailing address does not have to be in the Region designated in the sequential system for the call sign requested. A call sign requested by a former holder may be in any Region.

REQUEST BY CLOSE RELATIVE OF FORMER HOLDER NOW DECEASED (PRIMARY STATION) - For your primary station, you may request a call sign that was previously assigned to the primary, secondary, repeater, auxiliary link, control, or space station of your now-deceased spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or in-law. When so requesting for your primary station: You may request the former call sign of a close relative now deceased even though it has been unassigned for less than two years. Upon the death of the holder, a call sign is assignable immediately to an otherwise eligible primary station of a close relative. You must be an Amateur Extra Class operator to request a Group A call sign. You must be an Amateur Extra or Advanced Class operator to request a Group B call sign. You must be an Amateur Extra, Advanced, General, Technician Plus, or Technician Class operator to request a Group C call sign. -more-

You must be an Amateur Extra, Advanced, General, Technician Plus, Technician or Novice class operator to request a Group D call sign. Your mailing address does not have to be in the Region designated in the sequential system for the call sign requested. A call sign requested by a close relative of former holder now deceased may be in any Region.

REQUEST BY FORMER HOLDER (CLUB STATION) - For the club station for which you are the license trustee, you may request a call sign that was previously assigned to that station. When so requesting for a club station: You may request your club station's former call sign even though it has been unassigned for less than two years. The two year requirement does not apply to an otherwise eligible club station if the call sign was previously assigned to the club station for which the requestor is the license trustee. You do not have to hold a class of operator license required for the Group (A, B, C, or D) for the call sign requested. A call sign request by former holder may be from any Group in the sequential system. Your mailing address does not have to be in the Region designated in the sequential system for the call sign requested. A call sign requested by a former holder may be in any Region.

A \$30.00 fee is required with your FCC Form 610-V application. Payment of fees may be made by check (payable to "FCC"), bank draft, money order or credit card. If paying by credit card, you must also complete and submit FCC Form 159 with your FCC Form 610-V. (Do not send cash.) Send your application package to:

Federal Communications Commission
Amateur Vanity Call Sign Request
P.O. Box 358924
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5924

If you do not qualify under the above eligibility standards, your application will be dismissed. A future public notice will announce Gate 1A which will have expanded eligibility standards.

For further information, contact the Consumer Assistance Branch at 1-800-322-1117.

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MANASSAS HAMFEST

AMATEUR RADIO AND COMPUTER SHOW
AN ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST



SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1996

PRESENTED BY THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS A.R.C., INC

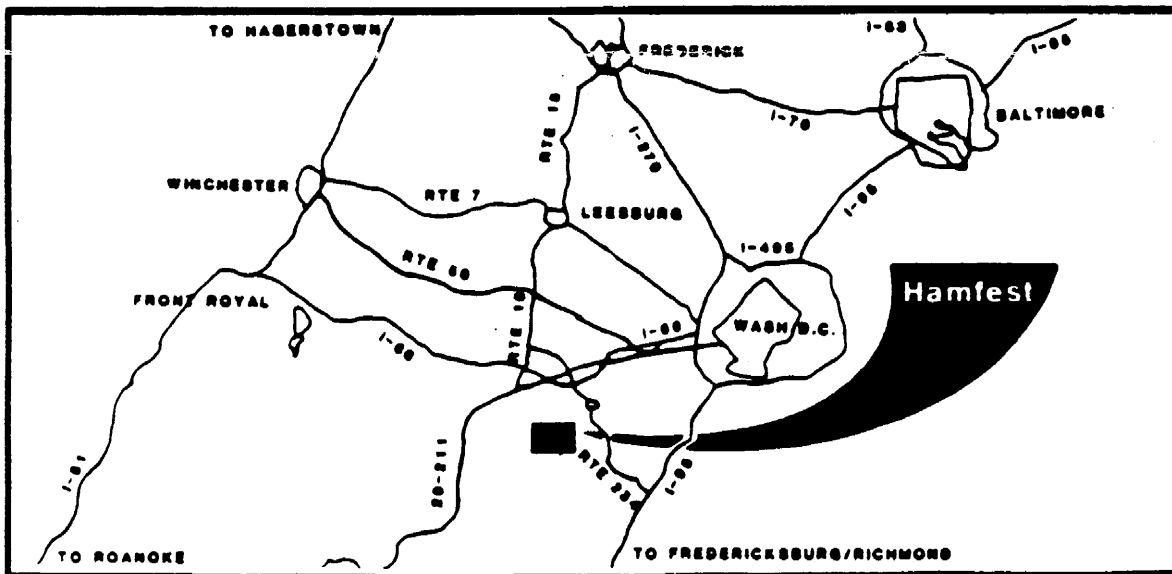
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**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF
MANASSAS ON ROUTE 234**



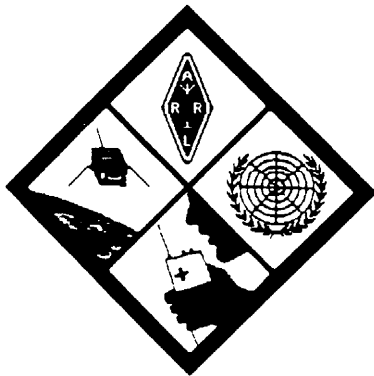
GENERAL INFORMATION

- Ample room for tailgating - 25 acres
- Tailgate Set-up 2 PM till 11 PM on Sat.
- Commercial building available for set-up from 2 PM till 8 PM on Saturday the 1st.
- Prior written approval for food vendors must be obtained from Hamfest Chairman.
- Door prizes of major radio equipment will be awarded at 3:00 PM
Hourly prizes beginning at 10 AM for those present.
You do not have to be present for the major prizes.
Tailgating prize will be awarded at 3:00 PM.

Dealer's Information Call:
Joe (K4FPT) 703-368-5424

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