

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

NOVEMBER 1996

**Next meeting: 18 November 1996  
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

## Message From the President

Hey OVH;

THANKS all OVH. That's all I can say for the tremendous support provided by OVH during the ARES activation in a search and rescue effort to find a missing child here in Prince William County. For special individual efforts during this event see the ARES/RACES column. I hope everyone has enjoyed the Colorfest of Autumn this year and not only locally but up in the mountains during the peak days. Cathy AE4UM says that with so many peak days, one of them should be designated as peak-to-peak day.

Its time to make plan for the Manassas Christmas Parade. Contact Dick WD4AZG for sign up. This is a great opportunity for new hams to 'learn the ropes' for public service while enjoying a neat parade. (For Butch W4HJL, no shirt but you might get an arm band as a parade official.)

I have not heard anything yet but maybe Lisa's NVYL net will come up with a community project. Please check into the net at 8 PM every Sunday and lets get more involved in our community via Public Service Events.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

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

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Bob Wikfors	KF4FJC	361-8059
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**WEEKLY VHF NET CONTROL**

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	146.97- & 224.660- Mhz	
Harry Vorhauer	W4PVA	368-6050

**HAMFEST 1997**

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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**FIELD DAY 1997**

TBD

**CLUB ROSTER**

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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**EDUCATION**

Charlie	WA4YGI	361-3091
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**CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

Harry	W4PVA	368-6050
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**ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

Erv	KT4DS	335-1029
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**F.A.R. REP.**

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
John	N4YOB	791-5995

**FINANCE**

Tim	KB4NR	494-2737
Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
OVH Treas.	Joe/AB4QV	369-6536

**GENERATORS**

Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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**HISTORIAN**

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**HOME PAGE**

Frank	N3TRM	266-0852
Milt	N4SN	369-7265

**NEWSLETTER**

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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**NEWSLINE**

Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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**PACKET**

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

**PICNIC**

Rita	KE4TMU	361-7507
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**PROGRAM'S**

Jim	WD4OJY	369-3940
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**PUBLICITY**

Ken	KM4UH	369-5287
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**Q' MASTER**

Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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**REPEATER CONTROLLERS**

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435
Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
Tim	KB4NR	494-2737
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844

**REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
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**SCHOLARSHIP**

Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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**SUNSHINE**

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Mark	KB4KRO	(703) 635-2114
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877

**REFRESHMENTS**

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**VHF NET**

Harry	W4PVA	368-6050
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**YL NET**

Lisa	KF4FJD	?
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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.

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 20108-1418.

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

## ARES/RACES

This month's insert is the ARRL Public Service Report (PSR) that I submitted concerning Prince William County ARES activation for the search and rescue effort for a missing child in Prince William County.

I would like to THANK each and every one who participated in this event and a special THANKS for those who performed extra functions in preparation of the effort. Two functions turned out to be very critical to the success of this mission and I would like to highlight the efforts of Harry/W4PVA who performed admirably in staffing and scheduling, Mike/KB4CVL and Steve/N4OGR who set up special frequencies and provided the equipment for operating on them.

The only critical remark I have is that I hope all participants noticed that an organized ARES structure would have made initial activation and on-going operations much easier on everybody. In order to have an organized structure, we must have active, registered ARES volunteers. Therefore, I ask once again that if you are interested in Amateur Radio Emergency Service, please register--It is impossible for 21 people to carry the other 2000 hams in Prince William County for ARES preparation.

23 Nov VE exams at 0900 at NOVEC

07 Dec Manassas Christmas Parade, contact Dick WD4AZG

07 Dec ARES Institute, cost \$5.00, pre-registration required.

Call 703 359-3414 for voice mail or

Send fee payable to Lenny Schachter N3RPQ  
1811 Quincy Street NW,  
Washington DC, 20011

or contact Erv KT4DServ/KT4DS

## SUNSHINE CORNER

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO: Butch/W4HJL, Charlie/WA4YGI, Gene/KD4RHC, Ken/KM4UH, Mike/KB4CVL, Michael/N4REI, Joseph/KD2RO, Joe/AB4QV, and Paul/AB6X.

Enjoy giving thanks for all our blessings! If you hear of any new blessings, or someone who needs blessings, please let Jan/KE4TMW or Steve/N4OGR know at 361-0008.

Dick/WD4AZG is spending some time in Georgetown Hospital. Here's hoping things healthwise take a turn for the better for Dick and Berniece/KA4SCA.

Kudos to all those who helped out with the search for Karynne Sheldon. You did a good job!

Jan/KE4TMW

## AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS

The Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club will hold an exam session on November 23, 1996. Exams will be conducted for all Amateur Radio license classes. Testing will begin at 9:00 AM in the auditorium of the Northern Virginia Electric Co-op (NOVEC) Building at 10323 Lomond Drive in Manassas. The session fee is \$6.05. For further information, please contact Harry/W4PVA at (703) 368-6050.

## ANOTHER ATTACK ON HAM RADIO?

As reported in The ARRL Letter, Vol 15, No 6, NASA/JPL and other space agencies are eyeing the 70-cm Amateur Radio band for a satellite-carried Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) system, but ARRL is working to ensure that amateur interests are taken into account as the process moves forward. In addition to the US, The Netherlands and Japan want to use the 430-440 MHz band for SARs to scan tropical rain forests and desert sand. The proposed NASA/JPL radar will reportedly result in a very high-power flux density at the Earth's surface and could interfere with amateur operation, although SAR transmissions would be brief, not continuous. In other words, SARs will interfere with terrestrial systems whenever they are in view and the equipment is turned on.

WRC-97 likely will be asked to allocate the band 430-440 MHz to the earth-exploration satellite (EES) service and upgrade the status of EES in the bands above 1 GHz, which include amateur secondary allocations at 1240-1300 MHz; 10-10.025 GHz; 24.05-24.25 GHz; and 78-79 GHz.

Current proposals to consider support for SARs at WRC-97 have studied compatibility between space services and other services.

Proponents would also like to scan temperate forests but operators of surveillance radars (such as military systems) have objected that even infrequent interference would be unacceptable. That could rule out SAR operations over North America and Europe, the areas with the greatest number of amateurs and probably those most active in the 70-cm band. Even for those amateurs in the tropical regions, any interference would be infrequent and limited by the need to avoid interference to terrestrial radar.

**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**October 21, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM, with 23 members and 1 guest present for a total attendance of 24.

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 welcomed members and guests, and gave a special thanks to Harry/W4PVA and all the other members who assisted with the Prince William County Bike Tour, Jack/N4YIC who volunteered to be the 1997 Hamfest Chairman, Butch/W4HJL, Mkike/WV3H, Charlie/WA4YGI, Jack/N4YIC and Dick/WD4AZG for opening their homes & stations to the Boy Scouts during the Jamboree on the Air, and all the members who assisted with the Marine Corps Marathon..

The minutes for the September meeting were accepted without objection

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Charlie/WA4YGI reporting for the Education committee, stated that the position of instructor was still open and anybody interested in teaching the OVH Novice/Tech (no code) license class should contact him or Erv.

Reporting for the Technical committee, Butch/W4HJL reported that there were still intermod interference problems with the club repeater and minor troubles with the PL, but the controller was now ok and the other troubles were being worked on.

Membership: Voted in was: Jim Laughter/N4ID.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Frank/K3TRM reported that the OVH Homepage on the internet (World Wide Web) was up and running, the address is: <http://www.site.gmu.edu/~faiello/ovh/>. (A printout of the homepage is found elsewhere in the newsletter- Editor)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jack/N4YIC questioned the capabilities on the OVH homepage regarding listing flyers and/or VEC examination notices, etc.

Butch/W4HJL stated that there may be a conflict on Sundays with the new YL net and the Old Timers 80M net.

Erv/KT4DS reported that there will be an ARES training day on December 7th. Anybody interested in participating should contact Erv.

The Manassas Christmas Parade communications support will again be run by Dick/WD4AZG, please give Dick a call if you can help out.

The membership voted to contribute \$100 to the ARRL to assist in their efforts to retain Amateur frequency spectrums. There was also some discussion on the Club drafting a letter similar to the previous Newsletter attachment to send to congress. It was left open as to when and who would draft the letter, club officers and/or board members.

There was also considerable discussion on whether the Club should contribute to the financially strapped NEWSLINE program.

There was no program at this meeting.

50/50 was won by Frank/K3TRM.

The meeting adjourned at 08:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted:  
**Charlie/WA4YGI**



We are a non-profit club organized for the educational and scientific study of electronics and communication, and to provide amateur radio communication services for the public. The OVH is associated with the *American Radio Relay League (ARRL)* and the *Foundation for Amateur Radio (F.A.R.)*

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***Announcements***    **2m/70cm Amateur Bands Under Attack!!!**  
**OVH Amateur Radio exam session on Nov. 23**

***Club Information***    **About the OVH**  
**Officers and Committees**  
**Repeaters and Packet Nodes**  
**Membership Application (Coming soon!!!)**

**Ole Virginia Times Newsletter**  
**Members on the Internet**

***OVH Swap Show***    **Submit an Ad (Members only!)**  
**Items for Sale/Trade**  
**Items Wanted**

***WWW Links to Other Sites***    **Newsgroups**  
**Clubs and Organizations**  
**Manufacturers**  
**Dealers**  
**Online Magazines**  
**Callsign Databases**  
**Local Links**

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*Please send any comments or suggestions to Frank/K3TRM.*

American Radio Relay League

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORTING FORM

1. Nature of activity (Check one). -- Communications Emergency. (Amateurs supplied communications required to replace or supplement normal communications means, or which could not be supplied by commercial means.)
2. Type of Emergency or Other Activity Involved. -- Search and Rescue for missing child.
3. Date(s) of Activity. -- 22 through 26 October 1996
4. Places or Areas Involved. --Prince William County Virginia
5. Nets and/or Frequencies Used (including Repeater Call Signs.) -- WA4FPM (146.97-), WB4FQR (147.24+), Several simplex frequencies in the 2m, 220 and 440 amateur bands
6. Number of Amateurs taking part. -- 73                      Number of messages handled. -- no formal traffic
7. Name of Any Agencies for Whom Communications Were Conducted. -- Appalachian Search and Rescue and several other support organizations as required.
8. Please list the calls of those amateurs who participated.

WA2QEJ	AH6FX	KD4UWW	KE4TMV	KE4TMU	KA4UST	N4SR
KF4FJC	KF4FJD	KD4KBX	KE4QJH	W4HJL	KM4AA	WB4MGC
N3ODZ	KB4NR	W4PVA	KT4DS	AE4UM	N4OGR	WD4WGV
KE4ETZ	WD4AIR	KR4KF	N4SCK	KC4VXH	KD2RO	KC4WES
KF4FJF	KB0HSA	K4MLA	KF4HGD	N4SN	WA4YGI	W1CRO
KT4SC	KE4KHC	KB4LWX	KB4CVL	N4QDD	N4Y1C	KE4LWR
KF4JSV	KE4PCV	WB4EEA	NP2IL	KD4YEP	KF4FJE	KC4RON
KE4SKW	KA4HAQ	KE4GKH	W4NHJ	AC4DS	AE4DB	KC4ZPM
KO4FM	AH6MC	KD4NFB	KD4IEA	KD4USI	WA2ARF	KF4KKI
N4WJO	WB4RMJ	W4IY	KA4CKI	KD4KBT	WD4KXB	KT6RNE
KE4STR	WA0DYS	KE4FYB				

(If I have inadvertently overlooked someone, my humblest apologies. Please advise and I'll add you to the list.)

9. Give factual details of the operations as it concerned Amateur Radio. Be specific, remembering that places, persons, terms, situations very familiar to you may be unknown to the readers.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1996, an all out search and rescue mission was activated in Prince William County near Manassas, Virginia to find a missing child who disappeared from her home the preceding day.

Prince William County ARES was activated to provide communications for transportation and logistics between the event Command Post and the staging area and to provide backup communications, as required, for other search and rescue support groups.

24 hours into the event, it became obvious that manpower would be limited due to activating during a normal work week. Therefore, Virginia ARES District 2 (6 Counties in Northern Virginia) was activated to provide access to more hams. This effort provided all the manpower needed throughout the event.

The event was from 0830 on 22 Oct. until 2130 on 26 Oct. including a standdown period between 1700, 24 Oct until 0600, 26 Oct. for special search and rescue missions using the latest in high technology systems.

Sat. 26 Oct proved to be the most demanding on our resources. For over 12 hours at 5 locations we provided shadows, runners and other services in addition to the communication requirements. During this period, 2 repeaters and 2 simplex channels were used extensively and 2 simplex channels off and on.

10. Comments: Amateur Radio once again proves its ability to provide needed communications services during emergency conditions. In this effort, all support units had their normal assets available and functional. We still

became a vital asset due to the scope of the operation, very hilly terrain from river bottoms to heavily wooded search areas in remote locations.

In approximately 4 hours we went from 'to my knowledge, amateur radio is not officially requested but I can use you for my operation' to "essential personnel".

As in all operations, we had our problems, including power loss on a repeater, however, we were able to overcome these without any loss of service.

We learned that police, fire, rescue and other services are plagued with news services being able to monitor their frequencies. The only improvement I can come up with is make a plea to the amateur radio community to add portable packet capability to their arsenal of resources for emergency support.

My deepest respect and heart felt THANKS goes out to all participated in the many, many aspects of this operation.

SIGNED: Ervin E. Whalen KT4DS  
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Packet: KT4DS @ N4WJN#NOVA.VA.USA.NOAM

### FCC STUFF

10/31: FCC Announces 1997 Maximum Reimbursement Fee for an Amateur Operator License Examination (Public Notice)

11/1: VECS to Submit License Renewals and Modifications Electronically (Public Notice)

<http://gullfoss.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/websql/vanity.prod/amfvan01.hts>  
[webmail@fcc.gov](mailto:webmail@fcc.gov)  
<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/amradsrv.html>

### FCC Phonebook

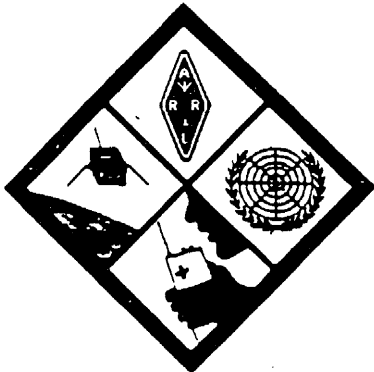
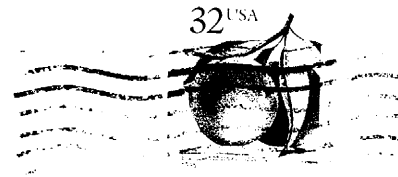
The FCC Phonebook contains a complete listing of FCC employee telephone numbers. With some exceptions, the e-mail address for FCC employees is the first initial and first seven letters of the last name, followed by: @fcc.gov. There is also a functional listing which gives telephone numbers for FCC subject areas, and an Organizational listing. The phonebook is updated weekly. The location of the zipped file is <http://www.fcc.gov/phone.html>

If you are looking for the phone number of a specific person at the FCC, you can search the FCC phonebook online.

You can also download the complete FCC phonebook. To do so, first download the zipped Phonebook file, pbver30.zip, and unzip it. The unzipped files include an alphabetic listing, fccpb.asc, a functional listing, funcpb.asc, and an executable file, fccphone.exe. You can view the phonebook most conveniently by launching fccphone.exe as an application under Windows. Fccphone.exe only works in Windows. If you do not have Windows, you can simply load the unzipped \*.asc files into your word processor and search the listings in fccpb.asc and funcpb.asc, using your word processor's word search function. The zipped file pbver30.zip contains the following files:

fccpb.asc: FCC alphabetical listing of employees in ASCII text format.  
funcpb.asc: FCC functional subject areas in ASCII text format.  
bluelist.asc: FCC organizational listing in ASCII text format.  
fccphone.exe: FCC Phonebook version 3.0 for Windows  
pbhelp.hlp: Help file (Windows)  
cmdialog.vbx: Dialogue box for Windows (Visual Basic)  
vbrun300.dll: Visual Basic routine for Windows

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