

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

OCTOBER 1996

**Next meeting: 21 October 1996  
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

## Message From the President

Hey OVH;

Thanks for the great turnout for the Sept. meeting. I hope everybody is well into their 'cool' projects. I have added HF mobile (10 & 40 m) to my radio amateur repertoire.

Thanks to those who have submitted articles for the newsletter. Even though anybody can submit entries, I think our committee people need to submit articles to keep our membership informed on all matters (even on things that don't matter).

Thanks Lisa/KF4FJD for starting the YL talk net on 146.97. This net is for YL's to have a place to discuss their ideas and thoughts. After the initial check in and discussion, Lisa/KF4FJD opens the net to all radio amateurs. Please feel free to join us at 8 PM every Sunday evening.

A Special Thanks goes to Jack/N4YIC for volunteering to be the Hamfest 97 chairman. Lets all give Jack our interest and support for preparing for next years Fest.

For you long term planners, it's about time to put the Manassas Christmas Parade on your calendar. The parade is held on the 1st Saturday in December every year. This year it's on Dec. 7.

As you all know, there is now a PL tone access required to use the 146.97 repeater. This was necessitated because of interference caused by a local pager system. I find it hard to say how pleased I am with the success of the PL while at the same time apologizing to those who do not have PL capability. With any kind of luck at all, maybe the pager company will do the work they have promised and the PL access will only be used as required.

Hopefully, I have attached a current list of the Clubs committee chairmen. If there is any changes necessary - please let me know about them.

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**YL NET**

Lisa KF4FJD ?

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.

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## ARES/RACES

This month's special information page is a record of amateur radio related emergency numbers for your records. NCAC will be sponsoring an ARES Institute tentatively scheduled for Dec. 7. I will pass along additional information as it becomes available.

With the advent of Lisa's/KF4FJD NOVA YL net, if interest is shown for traffic handling as a public service to shut-ins or whatever, training for NTS formatted traffic could be conducted during the net.

Upcoming events are as follows:

Sat Oct 19 NOVA EMS at PWC Stadium ---- CANCELLED  
Sun Oct 27 Marine Corp Marathon 80+ hams (Voice mail number for volunteers (703)359-3414  
Sat Dec 7 Manassas Christmas Parade (Club event)  
Sat Dec 7 ARES Institute at National ARC HQ

That's all I have on these events. If anyone wants to volunteer for any/or all of them; Please let me know and I'll forward your info to the appropriate party.

**Erv/KT4DS**

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to our fellow hams born in October! They are Sonya/WH6CRA, Loren/KI6NE, Michael/KF4CJH, Keith/KM4AA, Alvin/KE4YXT, Matt/KD4VNH, Bob/K0WYL, Doc/W1IMX, Steve/AA5YH, Jay/NS5N, Al/K4IQH, Lowell/N4ENW, Bob/KE4FJE, President Erv/KT4DS, Judy/KC4WES, David/KD4WQU, Scott/KE3UM, and Charles/KF4FJF.

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Dick/WD4AZG, Bernice/KA4SCA, and Tim/KB4NR.

**Jan/KE4TMW**

## PHONE SCAM

submitted by "JANICE A. KLEIN" <klein@LAN-EMAIL.peocu.navy.mil>

>>This message was forwarded to me by James Murdock, the budget administrator at the University of Michigan. He wrote:

>>My apologies if you've seen this, but if you have not its probably worth taking note of. Sounds like a scam that could easily ruin your >>day. You can't even trust your answering machine these days.

>>>>>The Scam works basically like this:

>>You get home and notice that the message light is blinking on your answering machine. You listen to the message, which has >>several wrinkles, but the best one is the caller asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809 to receive information >>about a family member who has been ill. (They may also tell you someone has been arrested, died, you have won a wonderful >>prize, etc.)

>>In any event, concerned or curious, you make the call. Sometimes the phone will be answered by a person who claims to speak >>broken English. (The idea is to keep you on the line to build up charges.) Or, sometimes you will just get a long recorded >>message. The bottom lines is, when your phone bill comes, you see this incredible charge, oftentimes more than \$100.00 dollars! >>Crooks ar using the 809 numbers as "pay-per-calls" and to get around the US Regulations and 900 number blocking. Every >>time you call the number, they get a greatly inflated rebate from the foreign phone company. Since the 809 numbers are in >>the Caribbean, they aren't bound by US 900# regulations that require them to warn you of the charge and rate involved, and >>also to provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged.

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>>The newest twist to this scam is to page people using the 809 numbers. With the new area code changes, people unknowingly >>are returning these calls. When the bill comes, there are HUGE charges for the calls.

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>>My suggestion is that no matter how you get the message, If you are asked to call a number with an 809 area acode that you don't recognize, DON'T RETURN THE CALL! It's bad enough that the criminal is invading your privacy, don't let them I nvade your wallet as well!

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>>Scams of this type are extremely hard to prosecute and since you did actually make the call, neither your local phone company >>or your long distance carrier will want ot get involved. They'll tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the >>foreign company. You end up trying to deal (over the phone) with a foreign company that feels they have done no wrong. It >>can turn into a real nightmare!

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>>PLEASE FWD THIS MSG TO FRIENDS AND LET PEOPLE BE AWARE OF IT!

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**Jan/KE4TMW**

**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
September 16, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM, with 24 members and 2 guests present for a total attendance of 26.

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 Kevin/KF4AZY for bringing food to the August meeting; and to Harry/W4PVA and Milt/N4SN for setting up the emergency monitoring stations during Hurricane Fran.

The minutes for the August meeting were accepted without objection. Joe/AB4QV, read the Treasurer's report, which was also accepted without objection.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Art/W1CRO reported that the 220 side of the repeater was back up and linked. There was some audio clipping on strong audio inputs. Also, the 2mtr PL was up and running fine. He also stated that the Paging company must have found their problem as they were in the process of getting a bandpass filter.

#### **CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

Harry/W4PVA announced that there will be a Prince William sponsored Bike Tour on the 21st of Sept. The PL will be turned off for that event.

#### **YL NET**

Lisa/KF4FJD reported that the Sunday night YL net was up and running and off to a good start.

#### **HAMFEST**

Jack/N4YIC stated that from his observations, attendance was down at HAMFEST activities around the country, even at Dayton this past year. He is looking for help from someone in the business community with experience in marketing and especially advertising. If you, or somebody you know can help, give Jack a call ASAP.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Bob/KF4JFC read in for new membership: Jim Laughter/N4ID. Voted in were: Pat Temple/AE4XN and Paul Temple/AD6X.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Erv/KT4DS reported that the Prince William Medical Emergency Training schedule has been canceled due to the counties cost cutting efforts, which is also affecting us in our efforts to find a site for Field Day next year.

Harry/W4PVA announced that there was a new FCC ruling regarding TV, Satellite and Wireless cable antennas, but not Ham antennas, that overrides all local covenants except those concerning safety. See the FCC WEB page, FCC.Gov.

#### **PROGRAM**

Harry/W4PVA gave a presentation on FM direction finding. He demonstrated a home made DF unit, which worked great, and talked about DF'ing techniques past and present. An excellent job as usual.

50/50 was won by Charlie/WA4YGI, who donated the proceeds back to OVH.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Charlie/WA4YGI**

**Emergency Reference Information for Amateur Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone Numbers**  
*(List name and/or number)*

State/Province Police \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Police \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Ambulance \_\_\_\_\_  
CD \_\_\_\_\_  
SM \_\_\_\_\_  
SEC \_\_\_\_\_  
National Weather Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Red Cross \_\_\_\_\_  
Salvation Army \_\_\_\_\_  
Net Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
DEC \_\_\_\_\_  
EC \_\_\_\_\_  
AEC \_\_\_\_\_

**What to report:**  
Caller's name  
Location  
Situation  
Injuries: number, extent  
Fire?  
Traffic blocked?  
Need assistance?  
Weather conditions

	Frequency	Time	Days
<b>ARES</b> Net			
<b>RACES</b> Net			
<b>SKYWARN</b> Net			
NTS Section/Local Net			
Packet <b>BBS</b>			

## **THE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE**

The radio amateur best justifies his existence by the service rendered to the community in times of disaster and distress when normal communications media are not available, have failed or are badly overburdened.

In the event of a communications emergency all amateurs are dedicated to serve in the public interest, within their ability, to provide temporary communications for a stricken area until normal facilities are restored.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service is composed of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communication duty in the public service when disaster strikes.

Every licensed amateur, whether or not a member of the ARRL, is eligible for membership in the Emergency Service. The only other qualification is a sincere desire to serve. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement.

Further information on the Service may be obtained from your Section Manager or ARRL Hq.

### **BEFORE EMERGENCY**

Prepare yourself by providing a transmitter-receiver setup together with an emergency power source upon which you can depend.

Test both the dependability of your emergency equipment and your own operating ability in the annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test and the several annual on-the-air contests, especially Field Day.

Register your facilities and your availability with your local ARRL Emergency Coordinator. If your community has no EC, contact your local civic and relief agencies and explain to them what the Amateur Service offers the community in time of disaster.

### **IN EMERGENCY**

Listen before you transmit. Never violate this principle.

Report at once to your Emergency Coordinator so that the EC will have up-to-minute data on the facilities available. Work with the local civic and relief agencies as the EC suggests. Offer these agencies your services directly in the absence of an EC.

Restrict all on-the-air work in accordance with FCC regulations, Section 97.107, whenever FCC "declares" a state of communications emergency.

SOS and "Mayday" are the International distress calls for emergency only. They are for use only by stations seeking emergency assistance.

Respect the fact that the success of the amateur effort in emergency depends largely on circuit discipline. The established Net Control Station should be the supreme authority for traffic routing.

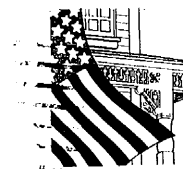
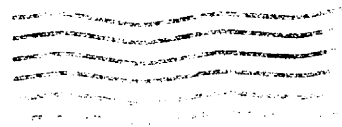
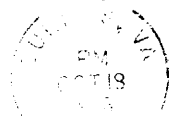
Cooperate with those we serve. Be ready to help, but stay off the air unless there is a specific job to be done, that you can handle more efficiently than any other station.

Copy all bulletins from WIAW. During time of emergency, bulletins will keep you posted on the latest developments.

### **AFTER EMERGENCY**

Report to ARRL Headquarters as soon as possible and as fully as possible so that the Amateur Service can receive full credit. Amateur Radio has won glowing public tribute in emergencies for over sixty years. Maintain this record.

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