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**Next meeting: 16 September 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 August meeting, all summer in fact. By the time you read this it will be mid-Sept., therefore, I can announce that the summer 'dulldrums' are officially over. This means no more lawnmowers, football is in the air and everybody is ready to settle into some 'cool' projects.

We need more 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 net on 146.97. I hope everyone has supported her effort. If not, Please feel free to join us at 8 PM every Sunday evening.

My hardest duty occurs every year at this time. We (all OVH) need two volunteers to step forward and be our HAMFEST and Field Day chairmen for the following year. These positions seem to intimidate most of us but please understand that perennial volunteers manage the individual components of each event. We appoint a new chairman each year only for the experience of seeing how such events come together and to keep an eye on the time table such that it all happens on the first Sun. in June. The reason we need volunteers now is so that Ken/KM4UH has a name we can attach to the official papers that have to be submitted for the long lead time items like ARRL affiliation and advertisement in national publications. It only seems appropriate that the submitted name be the actual name.

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WEEKLY VHF NET CONTROL

Thursdays - 8:00 PM 146.97- & 224.660- Mhz
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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 or OVH TIMES EDITOR, PO Box 1255, Manassas, VA 20108-1255, or Internet smeade@mmsinc.com

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ARES/RACES

This month's special information page is a short introductory on the Incident Command System (ICS) and the list of VA. ARES District 2 EC's. I will run a more extensive series on the ICS in the future.

NCAC will be sponsoring an ARES Institute tentatively scheduled for Dec. 7. I will pass along additional information as it becomes available.

We now have 20 registered ARES/RACES amateurs in Prince William County (PWC). These hams form a nice base to start building an active ARES/RACES organization in PWC. As the registration grows we could form 'teams' that would be active in specific areas such as PWC Emergency Management, Manassas Chapter of American Red Cross (ARC), National ARC support, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Salvation Army etc. These teams could give support in maintaining radio communications with periodic drills, participating in call ups for shelter operations and keeping abreast of PWC's emergency Management Plan etc. I am looking for additional ideas for our ARES/RACES support activities.

An NCAC program has been established for emergency radio support to other communities. This calls for HF and UHF monitoring stations listening to emergency nets for damage reports which can be relayed to the ARC National Disaster Operations Center for evaluation to see if additional support is needed at the emergency site. During hurricane Bertha we had 2 operators, for Eduoard we had 5. So there is room for growth in this area.

Upcoming events are as follows:

Sat Sept 21 PWC bike ride at Nokesville (Club event) contact Harry/W4PVA
Sat Oct 19 NOVA EMS at PWC Stadium 20-25 hams
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 September Birthday to our fellow hams: Warren/N4MWU, Mary Lu/KB4EFP, Steve/AE4EA, Garcia/N3MBL, James/W4HJH, William/KK3T, Keith/KF4FJB, Kevin/KF4AZY, Barbara/N3MWJ, Maury/W0HYB, Gus/N4MLE, and Tony/KD4EEQ. Congratulations to Frank/K3TRM, Robert/WN2AME and Ronald/KT4MI on their new calls! The club offers best wishes for a speedy recovery to KE4JWY/Chuck and W1IMX's (Doc) XYLs. If you get a new call, via upgrade or the vanity call sign program, or if you or your family have a blessed event or even a sad event, please contact KE4TMW (Jan) at 257-0897 so we can spread some sunshine your way.
Jan/KE4TMW

OVHARC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE/REPEATER TRUSTEE REPORT

The OVHARC repeater controller was adjusted and aligned to provide repeater tone access and tone transmission recently. The interference from the paging service transmitters finally wore everyone down. The good news is: tone access TO the repeater, and "PL" or tone transmission FROM the repeater are now fully operational and will be enabled during most periods except for the Sunday night and Thursday night nets. Better news is: The offending paging service inspected their site during the week of 05 September and have ordered a bandpass filter for their transmitter. While it will take a bit longer for them to receive the filter and then schedule its installation, we hope to see the racket go away in the near future. In the meantime, if you can't access the repeater, try tone access at 100.0 Hertz (1Z for the two character designation).

On a negative note, we had planned to delink the 146.97 repeater and the 224.660 repeater except during nets and special/emergency events. Unfortunately the lightning storm shortly before tropical storm Fran may have preempted us. The 220 machine has been removed from the site for repairs. We hope to have it up and running soon. When it is returned to the site it will operate independently, with NO tone access required. When linked to the 146.97 machine it will operate with tone access if tone access has been enabled for the two meter side.

Other work has been completed on the two meter repeater and the controller. The internal and external temperature sensors have been calibrated and now read out the temperature with reasonable accuracy. Several autodial numbers have been updated. The repeater receiver discriminator has been zeroed.

All of these changes will, I hope, make life easier and nicer for you long-suffering users out there. In the meantime, "Don't touch that dial ..."

Thanks to Alan, KD4KBX; Jim, WA2QEJ; and Tim KB4NR for yet another good session of repairs and adjustments.

73,

Art W1CRO/WA4FPM

CONTEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE STUDYING NOVICE/TECH EVENT

The ARRL Contest Advisory Committee is seriously considering the creation of a contest for Novice, Technician and Technician Plus class operators, tentatively dubbed Sprint NT. "Some of the basic rules have been hammered out within the committee, and we are in the process of seeking membership input to fine tune them," a CAC report notes. In general, the CAC is looking at these basic guidelines, subject to change:

Time period would run from 7 AM Saturday to 1 AM Sunday EST.

All Novice, Technician and Technician Plus frequencies may be used.

Separate Novice and Technician winners would be determined.

CW QSOs would count 6 points each; SSB/FM QSOs would count 2 points each.

Multipliers would consist of ARRL sections plus one DX contact per band.

Multipliers would count only once per band, regardless of mode.

QSOs would count once for each band/mode.

Only Novice, Technician and Technician Plus ops would be allowed to call CQ.

Rules would include provision for an "Elmer" to help but not actually make QSOs.

Pending final approval from the ARRL Board of Directors, the contest could come into being as early as next summer. The CAC welcomes comments via e-mail to cac@arrl.org.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 19, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., with 40 members and 7 guests present for a total attendance of 47.

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.

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

Erv thanked those members who provided assistance for various projects during the last month including: Mike/WV3H, Butch/W4HJL, Steve/N4OGR, Art/W1CRO, Harry/W4PVA, and Jan/KE4TMW.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reporting for the technical committee, Art/W1CRO reported that the repeater status had not changed, that we were still getting interference, and our options were: Purchase a notch filter, get the culprits to clean up their act, or PL the repeater. An announcement will be made on the next Thursday night Net on what OVH will do. Art also reported on the Saturday (17 August) Fox Hunt to determine who had the open mike blocking repeater use. It was tracked to Centreville but was turned off before the trackers could pin it down.

Erv/KT4DS gave a brief ARES report from the one day activation reported last month. It was very obvious that traffic handling had to be practiced. He advised that club members should listen to the traffic handling training net on 147.300 every night at 7:30 PM. Concentration should be on such things as originator, message times (local or zulu), actual text and message destination(s). A lot of thought should also be given to accurate log keeping for tracking and reporting purposes.

Chuck/KE4JYW reported that the KT4ER 440mhz repeater was knocked off the air during last Saturdays storm, evidently a circuit breaker kicked with no serious damage.

Frank/K3TRM reported that due to a change in his status (moving), there will be new WWW Homepage contact info, hopefully it will be available at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Tom Moore/W7KMA, Sonya Moore/WH6CRA, and Jason Norton/KR4KVJ were voted in. Patrick Temple/AE4XN, and Paul Temple/AB6X were read in.

PROGRAM: Several members of the Prince William County Civil Air Patrol (CAP) were present to provide a very informative briefing on their organization. Their introduction included: Primary Mission; Emergency search and rescue and surveillance reconnaissance. Aerospace education. Cadet program which includes leadership development, international air cadet program and public speaking. There are 1750 local squadrons, 1400 licensed pilots and 500 aircraft nationwide. Other things were discussed such as their commo network, jobs within the program, training, and career paths. Their World Wide Web Homepage is: www.cap.af.com.

The 50/50 was won by Bob Weiss (No Call).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Charlie/WA4YGI

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS)

(From the 'ARES Field Resources Manual' published by ARRL)

Prepared by Erv Whalen / KT4DS

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a management tool that is rapidly being adopted by professional emergency responders throughout the country. ICS provides a coordinated system of command, communications, organization, and accountability in managing emergency events. Due to the wide spread use of ICS, Amateur Radio operators should be familiar with the system, as well as how they will interface with agencies employing ICS.

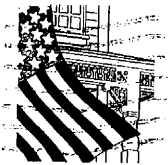
Integral to the ICS is the concept of *Unified Command*. There is only one boss, the Incident Commander, who is responsible for the overall operation. For any incident, there are a number of functions that must be performed ranging from planning and logistics to handling the press. The functional requirements of planning, logistics, operations, and finance are always present despite the size of the incident. They may be handled by a single individual for a small incident, or a "Command Staff" in a large incident. Another characteristic of ICS is "span of control." In simple terms, any manager should only directly manage a small number of people. ICS uses the number of five for organizational purposes. The number five isn't hard and fast, but provides a useful organizational guide line.

How does the Amateur Radio volunteer fit into the Incident Command System? We are expected to be communicators, and within the ICS, this would place us in the Logistics Section in the Service Branch as part of the Communications Unit. The communications unit provides all communications services for the operation.

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