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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

APRIL 1997

Next meeting: 21 April 1997
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room

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

Message From the President

OVH Members,

Another month has gone by and its meeting time again. As a reminder the next scheduled meeting of the Old Virginia Hams will take place Monday April 21st at 8:00pm in the basement of the NOVEC building on Lomond Dr.

Also, thanks to **IRV/KT4DS** for arranging last months program on **SKYWARN**, it was very informative. I would like to have them come back later in the year and give more details on the **SKYWARN** program.

Upcoming events for OVH:

Hamfest '97 - We are about 6 weeks away from the hamfest and thanks to **Jack/N4YIC** and his crew, everything appears to be on schedule. Volunteers are still needed for the front gate and various parking locations. If you can spare a few hours to help park cars or tailgaters please get in contact with **Steve/N4OGR** or **Alan/WA2GTT** and sign up.

VE Session - Harry/W4PVA has scheduled an exam session for Saturday June 6. If you are a volunteer examiner and would like to help administer the exams, please contact Harry.

Field Day '97 - Still looking for someone to take over as chairperson. I am currently listed as the chairperson, but would like to have someone either assist me with the organization of this event, or take over the position. At this time a suitable site has NOT been located. The Prince William Park Authority has allowed us free use of the parks for the last few years. Starting this year we must pay a fee if we choose to use a county park. Anyone with ideas on where to setup for Field Day please contact me.

Thanks

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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

Rick Michael	KU3M	791-3775
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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
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FINANCE

Tim	KB4NR	494-2737
Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
OVH Treas.	Jim/N3ODZ	361-2543

GENERATORS

Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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HISTORIAN

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HOME PAGE

Frank	K3TRM	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

TBD

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
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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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Mark	KB4KRO	(703) 635-2114
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932

VHF NET

Harry	W4PVA	368-6050
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YL NET

Lisa	KF4FJD	330-1473
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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 to sameade@erols.com

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

OVH Tailgate Table

Once again the OVH will have a tailgate table at the Manasas Hamfest. This table will be staffed by club members and is available for club members to drop off equipment for sale while they work or browse at the hamfest. Please make sure that all items for sale are clearly marked with your name **AND** call, and your asking price. An inventory of all items which you want to leave at the table for sale is required. This should include your **asking price** and the **lowest price** you will accept for each item. This will enable the club members staffing the table to bargain on your behalf without calling you on the radio each time an offer is made.

The table will be located in the area where the prize drum and public address system are located. It will be staffed beginning at 6:30a.m. Sunday morning. Please remember to **retrieve** any unsold items by **2:30p.m.** Sunday. Any items left at the OVH tailgate table after 2:30 will be considered abandoned and treated accordingly!

Any club members who want to volunteer to help at the tailgate table, even for an hour or so, please call Jeff/KB4IWD at 703-644-4515 after 7:30p.m.

Jeff Barr/KB4IWD

FCC call sign update

The following is a list of the FCC's most recently issued callsigns as of April 1, 1997.

District	Group A Extra	Group B Advanced	Group C Tech/Gen	Group D Novice
0	AB0EW	KI0HM	++	KC0AIR
1	AA1RX	KE1HL	N1YWB	KB1CDF
2	AB2DK	KG2KS	++	KC2BGQ
3	AA3PO	KE3ZI	N3YZS	KB3BST
4	AF4 BV	KU4EV	++	KF4QIR
5	AC5LX	KM5IC	++	KC5ZSK
6	AD6AV	KQ6NW	++	KF6JXT
7	AB7UQ	KK7GL	++	KC7VMM
8	AA8ZU	KI8BQ	++	KC8GTE
9	AA9UG	KG9JZ	++	KB9PZR
N. Mariana Is	NH0A	AH0AX	KH0GS	WH0ABG
Guam	++	AH2DC	KH2RM	WH2ANT
Hawaii	AH7S	AH6PA	KH7DJ	WH6DDT
Amer Samoa	AH8O	AH8AH	KH8DH	WH8ABF
Alaska	AL0D	AL7QT	KL0FM	WL7CUE
Virgin Is	==	KP2CJ	NP2JQ	WP2AIH
Puerto Rico	NP3C	KP3AR	NP3MI	WP4NMZ

== New prefixes are available for this block, but none have been issued.

++ All callsigns in this group have been issued in this area.

What's New On ARRLWEB

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April 15, 1997: ARRL has an opening for an Information Services Manager. Amateur Licensees by State on the FCC page has been updated.

April 11, 1997: Added The ARRL Letter for April 11, 1997.

April 10, 1997: The new ARRL Antenna Book has been added to ARRL's New Books and Software page. Announced the ARRL Publications Order Desk's new extended hours on the Announcements page. Updated the 144-MHz Standings on the Standings Database page.

April 9, 1997: Added ARRLWeb Location Services to assist in finding your ARRL Division/Section and your grid square.

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON MARCH 17, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM with 32 members and 3 guests present, **Rick/KU3M**, presiding. It opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. Rick welcomed the members and guests.

After requesting comments, the February minutes were accepted. **Jim/N3ODZ**, presented the Treasurer's report which was also accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jack/N4YIC, gave the Hamfest Committee report. The Fairground contract conditions are settled through 1999 and OVH will be able to use the Fairground PA system. Tickets are printed. He has asked the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department to man the medical tent and the NPFMA to help with parking. Jack asked all members to spread the word about to Hamfest with local merchants, stressing how many thousands of people will see their wares in only a few hours. Also, he may invite additional food vendors. Finally, the March 26 Hamfest Com. Meeting would be canceled because matters are organized and progressing well.

Rick/KU3M, requested help in organizing Field Day activities.

Don/W4HJL, reported that the new ham class is going well and that the county has erected poles that can be used to put up a dipole antenna.

Bill/N4WJN, reported that the 9600 baud packet is online but not fully functional. He will get together with Art to get it working and hopes to have it available by the next meeting.

Art/W1CRO, has requested T-MARC to coordinate and establish the 440 repeater at NOVEC. A new controller will be needed to deal with the additional repeater. He will submit an expense estimate to the Finance Committee later in March. There has been no change in the interference problem but the investigation continues. Those who want to suggest additional repeater services should reach Art at W1CRO@monumental.com. Finally, the autopatch code will not be changed until all membership cards are issued.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry/W4PVA, requested volunteers for the PWC bike ride to be held on April 12. Those interested can contact him on the repeater or by phone.

Rick/KU3M, is looking for instructors for a new ham class, Volunteers may reach Rick, **Don/W4HJL**, or **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**.

Doc/W1IMX, requested volunteers for the front and back gate coverage during the Hamfest.

MISCELLANEOUS

Harry/W4PVA, spoke about stressing how Hams provide emergency communications services to help protect the ham bands from intrusion by Little LEO satellites.

Erv/KT4DS, attended a program about the new regulations regarding RF exposure. A request to exempt amateur radio from the FCC rules will be submitted.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dan/KC4OGR, is training coordinator at the NWS for Skywarn. He described why Skywarn was started and why it continues to be more valuable than ever: it provides real-time, verified reports on severe weather and ground observations, such as downed power lines and fallen trees, that NWS radar cannot detect. He told how all levels of the government and public benefit from Skywarn reports. He distributed maps giving frequency and geographical coverage for this Skywarn area.

Jeff/KF4JSV, won the 50-50 drawing. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff/KF4JSV

Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy April Birthday to our fellow hams -- **Jeff/KB4IWD**, **Bruce/KD4DEE**, **Brian/KE4NFK**, **Paul/N4PD**, **Cyril/K3DKR**, **William/K5BWI**, **Lisa/KA4RKJ**, **Maureen/KE4GSZ**, **Charlie/KB4GCR**, **Mike/WV3H**, **Brian/KE4IAR**, **Cathy/AE4UM**, and **Aida/KF4KKO**.

Sandy/K3TRM (Frank's) wife, is hanging in there ... the baby is due April 12th. Keep on sending those thoughts!

Jan/KE4TMW

April 4, 1997: Added The ARRL Letter for April 4, 1997.

April 2, 1997: The April Ham-Ads have been added to the Advertising page. Added the April-June (Volume 1, Issue 2) Club Companion newsletter to the ARRL Affiliated Clubs page.

March 31, 1997: Lots of new stuff has been added to the ARRL Web Contest Calendar: the 1996 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Cumulative Contest Results; Armed Forces Day 1997. 1997 June VHF QSO Party and 1997 Field Day announcements; May Special Events; and the May Contest Calendar. Added the 144-MHz Standings to the Standings Database.

March 27, 1997: Added The ARRL Letter for March 28, 1997.

March 26, 1997: Added QSO Media March 1997 edition (Adobe PDF file) to the Public Relations page.

March 25, 1997: Added electronic versions of the Annual ARRL Club Report and the ARRL Special Service Club applications to the ARRL Affiliated Clubs page. Information on the 1997 Digital Communications Conference is available on the Announcements page.

March 21, 1997: Added Packet: Speed, More Speed and Applications, The Best of New Ham Companion, The ARRL Repeater Directory and 1996 ARRL Periodicals on CD-ROM to the ARRL's New Books and Software page. Added The ARRL Letter for March 21, 1997.

March 20, 1997: Added the Students in 16 U.S. Schools will Talk via Amateur Radio with Space Shuttle Columbia Astronauts During April Mission Press Release to the Public Relations page. Added ARRL's December 1995 petition for rule making on spread spectrum, RM-8737.

March 14, 1997: Added The ARRL Letter for March 14, 1997.

March 13, 1997: Added the A-1 Operator Club page to the Awards page. Added the March News Tips to the Public Relations page.

March 12, 1997: Added Delay in March QST Delivery to the Announcements page. Expanded upon the QST page by adding QST Cover Photography information and the Talk Back to QST pages. Added ARRL's Field Forum newsletter for January-March 1997 to the ARRL Affiliated Clubs page.

March 11, 1997: The Amateur Radio Operators Mobilize For Service Shortly After Tornado Strikes Arkadelphia Press Release has been added to the Public Relations page.