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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

DECEMBER 1997

**Next meeting: 15 December 1997  
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

## Message From the President

To All @ OVH:

Get your wish list into Santa soon, time is running out. The elves need extra time to produce top quality, do everything radios!! Maybe we'll get some new sunspots this year and better propagation on 10 meters. Guess it never hurts to ask!!

Thanks to Art (KU4MI) for coordinating the Christmas Parade. Although I have not talked with him since the parade, I'm sure that everything went as planned. Thanks to all who participated.

Art (KU4MI) will be presenting information on the new RF safety standards that take effect in 1998. Please plan to attend the meeting.

Still no word from the NOVEC staff on the status of the meeting room for 1998. I will try to get in touch with the person in charge of the contract and get an update.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

73's  
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**WEEKLY NETS**

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	W4PVA (Harry)	368-6050
Sundays - 8:00 PM	KF4FJD (Lisa)	330-1473

**HAMFEST 1998**

Jack McDermott	N4YIC	335-9139
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**FIELD DAY 1998**

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
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**FINANCE**

Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932

**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**

Mike	WV3H	753-9346
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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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**O' 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**

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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**SUNSHINE**

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932

The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, 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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## MINUTES OF OVH MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 1997

**Charlie/WA4YGI**, called the meeting to order at 8PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing the attendance sheet. There were 24 members and 1 guest present.

### OLD BUSINESS

Charlie reported that **Rick/KU3M**, has not yet heard from NOVEC concerning continued OVH use of the community room. Rick will continue to investigate the matter.

### COMMITTEES

**Treasurer** – **Jeff/KF4JSV**, presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted without questions.

**Technical** – **Art/KU4MI**, has the new controller and will schedule when each repeater will be down. He will give notice ahead of time for each repeater. In addition, Art is coordinating OVH efforts for the Manassas Christmas Parade and requested a few more volunteers.

**Packet** – **Bill/N4WJN**, is investigating whether to upgrade or replace the current units. The cost would be approximately \$260.00 vs. \$580.00

**ARES** – **Erv/KT4DS**, provided lists of the NCAC frequencies. He also brought in a box of rechargeable batteries, donated by Perrott Batteries of Falls Church, for OVH members to use as backup power supplies.

**Hamfest** – **Jack/N4YIC**, received a letter from the ARRL that the 1998 OVH Hamfest has been approved as an ARRL sponsored event. He also has received the contract for the Fair Grounds for 1999.

### PROGRAM

Following the break, **Harry/W4PVA**, presented a program on his experiences with radio and electronics during WW II. He flew in carrier based patrol flights and dive-bombers early in the war. As an example of the gear, he discussed the ZB unit, which operated on 240 MHz, modulated by 1 to 5 KHz, which served as a bearing and direction finder for carrier based flights. He later taught classes introducing new flight crews to the radio and electrical systems on the planes. As the teacher he could set specific malfunctions for the students to discover and correct. Harry brought in photos of the full-scale mockups that were used in the training. Aside from the general interest in radio communications of the period, Harry noted that ham radio operators were able to use their experience with the hobby to fix, maintain and sometimes improve the radio gear. (Hams enlisted by the thousands to provide this support during the war.) Also, as an example of how things have changed, he noted that a "portable" radio on board ships could be 8 feet tall and had to be lifted into place with a crane. After his talk, Harry answered questions from the members. (Several members, too young to remember WW II, commented on how interesting it was to hear about the rigors and capabilities of the radiomen and their gear by someone who lived through it.)

50 - 50 was won by **Steve/N4OGR**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

**Jeff/KF4JSV**  
Recording Secretary

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to these hams born in December: **Andy/KD4RHB**, **Ken/W5AOC**, **Charles/WA1FFX**, **John/K4KGU**, **Joe/W4HH**, **Samuel/WB4FGS**, **Bill/N4WJN**, **Patrick/AE4XN**, **Bob** (no call), and **George/N4XSL**. A special Happy Birthday to **KD4KBX** and **KD4TMV**, who were born on Christmas Day!

Congratulations to **Art/KU4MI**, who has upgraded to Advanced! Good job!

**Tim/KB4NR** is in the ICU at Potomac Hospital. He is unable to have visitors at this time (or flowers, fruit or balloons, either!), but would appreciate hearing from club members via email or card. Send emails to **TimWayne@erols.com** and cards to Tim Wayne, 1708 Sharp Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191.

**73 de Jan/KE4TMW**

## VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Website)

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### **BRING TO THE EXAM:**

- \*Picture identification (Minors bring parent with picture ID)
- \*Completed FCC Form 610 (most VE Teams will supply at exam)
- \*Original and copy of current FCC amateur radio license
- \*Originals and copies of all active certificates of successful completion of prior exams
- \*Exam fee (\$6.25)

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## 1997 Manassas Christmas Parade Communications Support

My thanks to all the people who supported the parade effort this year. We had enough people to staff all positions (and then some): **Milt/N4SN, Jim/WD4OJY, Jim/WA4LTO, Joe/AB4QV, Larry/KA4CTX, Lisa/KF4FJD, Ellie/KF4NBO, Frank/K3TRM, Jeff/KF4JSV, Matt/KC4ZPM, Butch/W4HJL, Mary Lu/KB4EFP, Harry/W4PVA, Bill/N4WJN, Cathy/AE4UM, Erv/KT4DS and Art/KU4MI.**

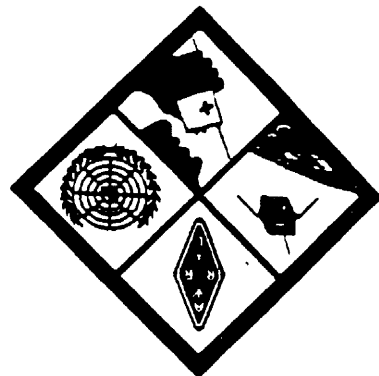
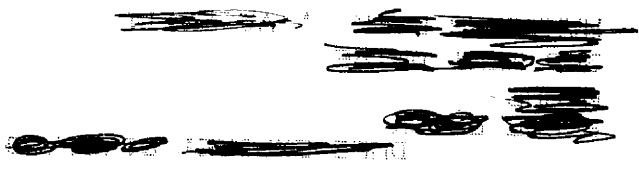
A new wrinkle was added this year. Ricky Ratcliffe and the Chamber of Commerce volunteers, who direct the operation, have purchased hand-held transceivers and advised that they didn't need our help in the staging areas and in the lead police car, as we have provided in the past.

Fortunately, there were no emergencies requiring assistance, although, it appears that a fire at the Manassas fire station kitchen created a "little stir." Only one instance of safety concern occurred when one of the parade float groups tossed candy into the crowd. 97 of 99 units participated in the parade and it looks like everyone had a good time (albeit a cold one). The first unit stepped off promptly at 1030 and crossed in front of the judge's stand at 1105. The last unit (Santa Claus) crossed the starting line at 1210 and finished at 1249. Clean up and egress were the usual zoo for an hour afterwards.

There were a few lessons learned for future events - "don't lose track of any of your team ... know where they are at all times" - Sorry, Jim!

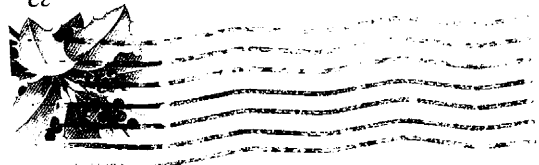
Finally, with the apparent success of the Chamber of Commerce member's use of their new hand-helds, we need to evaluate our usefulness at this event. Certainly, our parade layout, with a few added Checkpoints, visually covers the parade route and we can provide safety communications, but does the Chamber of Commerce (or anyone else) want our help? The logistics aspect seems to be moot at this point. A "new business" item for the next meeting?

73, KU4MI



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