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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

FEBRUARY 1997

**Next meeting: 17 February 1997
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

Message From the President

Hey OVH;

Thanks Ovh for the nice turn out at the Jan. meeting. We have nominees for the new club officers who will be voted in at the Feb. meeting. So, mark your calenders, come out and vote for your new officers at the Feb. meeting.

A special THANKS to Rick/KU3M who has volunteered to be the Field Day 97 chairman. Rick has a full plate on his agenda and is looking for one or two field day assistants. Who will step forward????

For those of you need to re-enlist, membership dues can be paid at the next meeting.

I would like to take this time to THANK ALL OVH for letting me be 'up front and close' to the Club. It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me and I have gained respect for our founders who had a dream and the foresight to organize and maintain the integrity of 'our Club' throughout its life and still be a viable institution well into the future.

I hope that the new officers will enjoy their tenure as I have and that our members will continue to support them (and the club) as they have for the incumbents.

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

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OFFICERS

President	Ervin Whalen	KT4DS	335-1029
Vice Pres	Ivan Reeder	KT4DZ	818-2405
Secretary	Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091
Treasurer	Joe Tutino	AB4QV	369-5636

DIRECTORS

Bob McCann	N4RL	361-7335
Don (Butch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
Tim Wayne	KB4NR	494-2737

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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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O' 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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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Mark	KB4KRO	(703) 635-2114
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877

REFRESHMENTS

Joe	AB4QV	369-5636
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VHF NET

Harry	W4PVA	368-6050
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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. Or to sameadel@themail.net

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

ARES/RACES

All I am Presenting this month is a schedule of up coming events. If you have any questions or need further info, contact me.

VE EXAMS

Feb 15 Sa Laurel, MD (Laurel)
Feb 25 Tu Annapolis, MD (Laurel)
Mar 1 Sa Sterling, VA (ARRL)
Mar 2 Su Landover, MD (ARRL)
Mar 2 Su Elkins, WV (Mountain)
Mar 8 Sa Alexandria, VA (Laurel)
Mar 15 Sa Laurel, MD (Laurel)
Mar 15 Sa Manchester, MD (ARRL)
Mar 25 Tu Glen Burnie, MD (Laurel)

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Feb 17 M George Washington Parade Alexandria, VA. - N3PDK
Feb 23 Su Vienna Winterfest
Mar 8 Sa St. Patrick's Day Parade Alexandria, VA - N3PDK
Mar 8 Sa Roanoke Division Conv.
Mar 9 Su Roanoke Division Conv.
Mar 16 Su St. Patrick's Day Parade Wash. DC. - N3RPQ
Mar 22 Sa Alexandria Red Cross/Fire Dept. Shelter Drill 'Tentative'

Late breaking news: Erv/KT4DS has been appointed as **EC for Prince William County ARES** replacing **Dave/AC4DS** who will remain active in ARES as an AEC.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Celebrating a birthday in February are the following hams: Charles/KE4JWY, Timothy/KC4VMX, Joel/KC4MHT, Lloyd/N4OOM, George/KD4GTN, Chuck/KA3EHL, Brian/KE4GKH, David/AH6OD, Charles/KF4EWL, Roland/WB4NWX, and Art/W1CRO.

Also celebrating is Charles/KB4GCR, who's just added another harmonic! The baby was due to be delivered Sunday, January 26th. Congratulations, Charlie!

Another harmonic is on the way, this time for Frank/K3TRM and his wife Sandy. The little girl is due in April, but wants out now, so Sandy is on bed rest until the delivery. Send Frank and Sandy your good wishes – email faicilo@osl.gmu.edu, or send cards to Sandy and Frank at 6108 Kendra Way, Centreville, VA 20121. Congratulations and best wishes to Frank and Sandy!

Jan/KE4TMW

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" 1997

NAME: _____ CALL SIGN: _____
ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)
DO YOU WANT YOUR PHONE NO. LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$10.00 per year** and payable on January 1, 1997; **\$5.00** after July 1st.
Dues for additional family members living at the same mailing address are **\$5.00**.

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

Name: _____ Call: _____
Name: _____ Call: _____

Return to: Treasurer, OVH
P.O. Box 1255
Manassas, VA 20108

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The OVH Nominating Committee met recently and they have come up with a possible slate of officers for the coming year. Elections will be held at the next meeting on February 17, 1997. There can also be nominations made from the floor, as long as the person being nominated has given their permission prior to the Election, and that the nominee meets the criteria as stated in the Bylaws. Election will be by Secret Ballot.

The following members of Ole' Virginia Hams have agreed to run for office:

President:	Rick Michael	KU3M
Vice President:	Charlie Dale	WA4YGI
Treasurer:	Jim Hawk	N3ODZ
Secretary:	Jeff Poulin	KF4JSV

We urge all members of OVH who are able, to attend the February meeting and cast your vote for the new Officers. Then we can all offer our cooperation, support and assistance to the incoming officers for the tasks ahead.

FCC call sign update

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

District	Group A Extra	Group B Advanced	Group C Tech/Gen	Group D Novice
0	AB0EB	KJ0GL	++	KB0ZNG
1	AA1RO	KE1GZ	N1YMY	KB1CBZ
2	AB2DA	KG2KA	++	KC2ATT
3	AA3PH	KE3YR	N3YQJ	KB3BRS
4	AF4AO	KU4BN	++	KF4OSX
5	AC5LD	KM5GN	++	KC5YTK
6	AC6ZQ	KQ6MQ	++	KF6ITI
7	AB7UB	KK7EY	++	KC7UJI
8	AA8ZD	KI8AT	++	KC8FXZ
9	AA9TS	KG9JD	++	KB9PLP
N. Mariana Is	NH0A	AH0AW	KH0FS	WH0ABF
Guam	++	AH2DC	KH2RJ	WH2ANT
Johnston	++	++	++	++
Midway	++	++	++	++
Hawaii	AH7M	AH6PA	KH7CO	WH6DDJ
Amer Samoa	AH8O	AH8AH	KH8DC	WH8ABF
Alaska	AL0A	AL7QT	KL0DL	WL7CUC
Virgin Is	WP2Y	KP2CJ	NP2JP	WP2AIH
Puerto Rico	KP3V	KP3AP	NP3JX	WP4NMT

== 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 at ARRLWeb from <http://www.arrl.org/whatsnew.html>

Announcements

Notes

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This page showcases major additions and changes to ARRLWeb.

Ongoing maintenance resulting from link and personnel changes does not appear here. See Announcements and Notes for the latest news about ARRL products, services and events.

February 12, 1997: Added the Technical Information Service page.

February 7, 1997: Added the Special Events page to ARRLWeb's Contest Calendar. Three new titles have been added to the New ARRL Products page: World Radio TV Handbook - 1997, RSGB IOTA (Islands on the Air) Directory and Yearbook - 1997 and RSGB's Antenna Experimenter's Guide. The ARRL Letter Online for February 7, 1997 has also been added. Updated the EME Standings on the Standings Database page.

February 4, 1997: Added the 1996 ARRL September VHF QSO Party Contest Results to ARRLWeb's Contest Calendar.

February 3, 1997: Added the Local Resident Honored for Role in Forming Humanitarian Organization Press Release and the Radio Enthusiasts Join National Association in Record Numbers Press Release to the Public Relations page. Added the minutes from the 1997 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors and the final report of the ARRL WRC-99 Planning Committee. The February Ham-Ads have also been added to the Advertising page.

January 31, 1997: Added The ARRL Letter Online for January 31, 1997 (Volume 16, Number 5.)

January 30, 1997: The STS-83 Fact Sheet on the SAREX page has been updated.

January 24, 1997: The ARRL Letter for January 24, 1997 (Volume 16, Number 4) has been added.

January 23, 1997: Added the January News Tips to the Public Relations page. Added a new FCC Forms page.

January 22, 1997: Added the RF Exposure Regulations News page, including the January 1997 QST article, "The FCC's New RF-Exposure Regulations."

January 17, 1997: Added the January new products page; added an opening for an Assistant Contest Manager to the employment page. The ARRL Letter for January 17, 1997 (Volume 16, Number 3) has been added.

January 16, 1997: Added a link for the Heard Island DXpedition to the ARRLWeb Links page.

January 15, 1997: Added ARRL's new products to the publications catalog: Getting on Track with APRS; Personal Computers in the Ham Shack; QST View sets for 1980-84, 1975-79 AND 1970-75; Your Introduction to Morse Code audio CD; Buckmaster's HamCall CD-ROM; and the Radio Amateur Callbook North American and International 1997 editions.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 20, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m., with 33 members and one guest present for a total attendance of 34. 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.

Erv invited comment on the minutes for the December meeting, at which time Art, W1CRO, asked about the mention of Alan, KD4KBX, as the point of contact for the intended relocation of the 440 repeater. Art mentioned that Scott, KT4ER, will use the frequency pair coordinated to him for other purposes. Art and Alan agreed to follow up on the removal of club equipment from the repeater site. The minutes were otherwise accepted without objection. Joe, AB4QV, was absent, and on his behalf Erv read the Treasurer's report, which was accepted without objection.

Erv thanked those members who had worked with the recent licensing course.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jack, N4YIC, gave the Hamfest Committee report. He advised that Pete, KB4RME, was working with fairground staff on the contract, which was expected to be complete within the week, to be followed shortly by work on the 1998 contract. Key staffing was already in place except for the treasurer to be elected at the February meeting. Three meetings have been booked at the Bull Run library branch for January 29, March 26, and May 8, if needed. Jack described publicity efforts and mentioned that he had a commitment to have a DXCC checking facility at the hamfest.

Art, W1CRO, gave the Technical Committee report. Both VHF machines appear to have lost some sensitivity and will be checked out as time and weather permit. In response to reports that the output audio level seems to have diminished somewhat recently, Jim, WA2QEJ, mentioned that this had been done to help avoid interference with the operation of the PL generator. Steve, N4OGR, asked about the status of the paging interference. Art replied that investigation continues. Jack, N4YIC, added that the PL squelch on the repeater inputs would be removed on the day of the hamfest.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion from Steve, N4OGR, the following applicants were voted members: James Hereford, KC4ZPN, and James Roberson, KD4IEA. There were no applications to be read.

NEW BUSINESS

Erv announced that election of officers will be held at the February meeting, and while all nominations will be accepted, they should be made with the agreement of the nominee. The Nominating Committee offered the following nominees:

President - Rick Michael, KU3M,
Vice President - Charlie Dale, WA4YGI,
Secretary - Jeff Poulin, KF4JSV,
Treasurer - Jim Hawk, N3ODZ.

Bill, N4WJN, reported that he has all of the components for the 9600 bps packet forwarding node except for the crystals. The node was expected to become operational in the next month on 440.925 MHz. Also, Bill has the club's Weathernode but its TNC has been pressed into service for the 220 MHz node. He estimated that the cost to make the Weathernode functional at about \$200. Butch, W4HJL, volunteered to return the Weathernode to a working state.

Alan, KD4KBX, reported that the failed TNC for the 220 MHz node is in need of an Am7910 FSK chip, if one can be found. The KPC4 TNC from the Weathernode is now in use for the 220 node.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Bill, N4WJN.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Reeder, KT4DZ
Acting Recording Secretary