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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JUNE 1997

Next meeting: 16 June 1997
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room

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

Message From the President

OVH Members,

There was no input from the President this month.

73's
RICK MICHAEL/ KU3M
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Don (Butch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
Tim Wayne	KB4NR	494-2737

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bob Wikfors	KF4FJC	361-8059
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WEEKLY NETS

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

HAMFEST 1998

TBD

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

Mike	WV3H	753-9346
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

TBD

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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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

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932

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

**OLE VIRGINIA HAMS
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
May 19,1997**

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM with 24 members present, **Rick/KU3M**, presiding. It opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Day - Rick/KU3M, announced that Field Day will be held at J.S. Long Park and that he is still looking for help with setup, gear to use, and so forth.

ARES - Erv/KT4DS, announced that there is an Old Dominion Emergency Net now in effect. It will meet every third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM on 3.963 MHz.

Membership - The names of **Vinh Nguyen/KF4PQI**, **Mark Souza**, and **Larry Whitney/KA4CTR** were read in for membership. All were accepted by acclimation.

Finance - Jim/N3ODZ, read the Finance report which was accepted .

Hamfest - Jack/N4YIC, provided the final report before the Hamfest is to be held. He had been to the Dayton Hamfest and reported that they had over 43,000 in attendance. He used a display to demonstrate how the vendor tables would be arranged, stated that the police presence was lined up and renewed his request for help with set-up, tear down, and volunteers for the other functions.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick/KU3M, made a motion that the money saved on long distance calls for Newsline be donated to Westlink, in addition to the annual OVH contribution. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jeff/KF4JSV, read a Thank You card from **Frank/K3TRM**, and **Sandy Aiello** for flowers sent to them by the Club on the birth of their new daughter, **Carmella Rose (no call sign yet)**.

Harry/W4PVA, read a letter of appreciation from the Red Cross for OVH members helping with their Walkathon.

50-50 was won by **Rick/KU3M**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy birthday to these June babies! **Jack/W4GTL**, **Rick/N4VZT**, **Sieg/WB4LII**, **Jared/KQ4PA**, **Steve/N4OGR**, **Jan/KE4TMW**, **James/N3ODZ**, **Russell/KD4UWW**, **Michael/N3MA**, **Johnny/KE4QMS**, **Wayne/N4DCL**, **Gene/N4HFW**, **Pete/KB4RME**, **Calvin/KD4TKH**, and **Bob/KF4FJC**.

The Voice of Manassas, **Harry/W4PVA**, fell last month and broke his leg. He's healing well now, but still needs a ride from time to time. Keep an ear open for your opportunity to help a fellow ham.
Jan/KE4TMW

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage and AutoCall, June Issue 1997)

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)

06/14/97:

Leo Patterson
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FCC Enacts Internet Morse Code Requirement

Note for the humor impaired: this is satire. Please do not read this if you are not properly trained and certified in satire.

The FCC, under pressure to clean up the Internet, especially after the Communications Decency Act provisions regarding Internet content regulation were stricken as violating the U.S. Constitution, has decided instead to require a Morse code requirement for Internet users. Citing the success of the Amateur Radio Service and the general belief that its requirement for operators to pass a Morse code proficiency exam and other technical requirements, has kept the A.R.S. "clean", the FCC will enact a 5 word-per-minute requirement for all Internet users. They are leaving open the issue of whether there should be a "codeless" class of Internet user and are soliciting comments on this proposal.

Persons wishing to develop a web site having only links to other web sites having links to other web sites, and so forth, must pass a 13 word-per-minute test and demonstrate proficiency in HTML, the Internet authoring language.

Persons wish to develop web sites that have actual content, as compared to just links to other web sites, must pass a 20 word-per-minute Morse proficiency test, demonstrate proficiency in HTML and the Java programming language, and show that they have mastery of at least one human language, such as English.

The FCC, which lacks budgetary authority to implement the testing program, has stated that it intends to create Volunteer Examiner programs for Internet applicants.

Taken from Ham Radio Online
<http://www.hamradio-online.com/>

HAMFEST 97

The rain dampened the Fairgrounds and was the reason our usual goal of 3,000+ attendees was not met this year at the Hamfest, but it certainly didn't dampen our spirits. Quite the contrary, despite the drizzle we endured and we are well pleased with the outcome of Hamfest '97, although the person responsible for "tuning" in the weather is no longer with us. The weather was, of course, responsible for scaring away some of the usual outdoor tailgate crowd. Conversely, a vigorous and concerted marketing effort resulted in us actually selling all the inside commercial tables.

It takes a lot of time, effort, and planning from a good many volunteers to organize and conduct a successful Hamfest on a scale such as ours, but the results are always rewarding because we provide the opportunity for thousands of people to come together for a time with others who share their interests and hobbies. Friendships are made and renewed and all who participate usually have a wonderful day. Rest assured, our time was well spent.

In addition to a host of generous and caring OVH club members who turned out to lend a hand with the setup and running of the Hamfest, we were fortunate again this year to have **Mike Baptist/N3NVF**, and his team of Winchester volunteers directing the vehicle parking for us, relieving club members of this enormous effort. Additionally, we were pleased that **Chief Paul Palmer** and the **Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department EMT's** once again staffed the medical center at the Fairgrounds all day, lending an air of comfort and confidence to the Hamfest.

We were pleased to host the following groups at the Hamfest this year and expect they all will attend future OVH Hamfests:

- The **ARRL Roanoke Division Officers**
- The **4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives**
- A team of **DXCC QSL Card checkers**
- The Chairman of the **Virginia QSO Party** who conducted their annual award ceremony.
- The annual bake sale conducted this year by the **Wikfors** family. The club matches the bake sale profits (almost \$200 this year) and gives it all to a charity.

In the administrative area we are doing well. We managed to reduce our expenses wherever we could and will continue to do so. We already have a signed contract for the Fairgrounds for 1998 with an option for 1999. We will soon negotiate contracts which cover our Hamfests through the year 2000.

Hamfest '97 is over. To those many club members who provided so much in so many ways, you can and should feel proud of your contributions. Through your extensive efforts, we provided a nice, fun filled and family oriented day for many, many people. The vendors did well and told me they will be back; the local hoteliers and restauranteurs are happy with us.

So, now you can sit back and enjoy the good feeling of having given your best and having done it well for all the right reasons. It was certainly my pleasure to work and associate with all of you this year. You each have my sincere thanks and appreciation. Well done.

Jack McDermott/N4YIC
Hamfest '97 Chairman