

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

MARCH 1997

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

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

## Message From the President

To all OVH Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of this organization. 1997 looks like its going to be a good year for OVH. The next few months will keep many of us busy getting ready for the Hamfest, VE Exams, Public Service, events and Field Day.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member of OVH for about 5 years now. I live near Lake Jackson with my wife Denise and two daughters, Natalie and Nicole. Natalie is 3 years old and Nicole just 2 weeks old.

Amateur Radio has been a big part of my life for the last 15 years. I started out in 1980 as a Novice and quickly moved up the ranks to Extra Class by 1982. CW is my preferred method of communications, with an emphasis on DX'ing and Contesting.

Thank you for support and hope to see you at the meetings this coming year. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or comments, my email address and phone number is listed in the club roster.

Rick Michael/KU3M  
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**OFFICERS**

President: Rick Michael	KU3M	791-3775
Vice Pres: Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091
Secretary: Jeff Poulin	KF4JSV	361-5865
Treasurer: Jim Hawk	N3ODZ	361-2543

**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**

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	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**

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
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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

## ARES/RACES

### VE EXAMS

Mar 15 Sa Laurel, MD (Laurel)  
Mar 15 Sa Manchester, MD (ARRL)  
Mar 25 Tu Glen Burnie, MD (Laurel)

### PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Mar 16 Su St. Patrick's Day Parade Wash. DC. - N3RPQ  
Mar 22 Sa Alexandria Red Cross/Fire Dept. Shelter Drill 'Tentative'

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Wow, what a lot of birthdays this month! Celebrating are N4AZC/Henry, K3TRM/Frank the Webmeister, KE4VOQ/Nicholas, KC4ZPM/Matthew, KJ4U/Charles, WA4EJY/Mike, KF4KKI/John, KD4UNV/Frances, WN2AME/Robert, KF4JSV/Jeffrey, KS4TL/Jeff, N4SW/Walt, KT4CB/Jon, WB4HHN/Russell, KF4KKP/Jerry, KF4GTW/Michael, KE4LYN/Scott, KE4TMU/Rita, and KF4KVJ/Jason.

Now's the time to send in your form 610 with your revised zip code -- remember the year that the post office will forward expires in July! I've noticed that many addresses haven't been updated. Don't let the FCC kill your license because they can't reach you ....

Wishing you lots of sunshine in March,

Jan/KE4TMW

# OVH Members on the Internet

from OVH Web Site

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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, with 32 members and no guests. 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 January meeting and stated that acceptance of the January minutes would be delayed until after the break. Joe, AB4QV, read the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted without objection.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jack, N4YIC, gave the Hamfest Committee report. He advised that all of the key players were doing their thing and everything was on track. He met with Pete, KB4RME, and they have secured the 1997 contract and an option for 1998. We will pay for these years, and hope to get a 1999 option for the same price. There was a lot of negotiating on this and the future years' contracts with the Fairground Folks, the best part being the price options and no cleanup for OVH for this year. Jack has also been going full blast with advertising, mailings have gone out to the usual commercial vendors and to local businesses who may be interested.

Frank, K3TRM, gave the Home Page report, stating that he will hyper link the OVH Home Page to the ARRL Home Page.

Art, W1CRO, gave the Technical Committee Report. He said that a new half rack will be in place this summer, and that pending items are still pending as he is looking for input from Alan, KD4KBX. Please e-mail Art with your likes/dislikes for the new 2 Meter and 220 setup, i.e. deviation meter, etc.

Jan, KE4TMW, gave the Sunshine Committee Report, stating that W5AOC'S wife Mary has been ill and would be happy to receive cards and get well wishes. Also, Dick, WD4AZG, had cancer surgery last Wednesday and was in Room 2210 of Pr. Wm. Hospital and would love to have visitors.

ARES/FAR/PICNIC - Erv stated that all three reps are looking for anyone interested in taking over these OVH positions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rick, KU3M will again be Chairman of the Field Day Committee, which will be held the 4th weekend of June.

Nominations for the upcoming OVH Officers election were again opened. There were no new nominations, but write-ins will be accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The January minutes were accepted without objection on a motion from Tim, KB4NR.

The CAP rep, Jon, KF4KKI requested help with the old club portable Generator. He was referred to Tommy Watts, KA4AFU.

Jim, K9SP, requested an OVH pledge for a Bull Run Mt. building project. They need funding for a new building which will house 900Mhz, 1.2Ghz, 6mtr repeaters, and possibly the current 440Mhz repeater from Tysons. The pledged donation of \$200 was voted on and approved for referral to the Finance Committee for their approval.

The election of officers was held after the break with the results as follows:

President - Rick Michael, KU3M

Vice President - Charlie Dale, WA4YGI

Secretary - Jeff Poulin, KF4JSV

Treasurer - Jim Hawk, N3ODZ

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jim, N3ODZ. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie/WA4YGI  
Recording Secretary

### FCC call sign update

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

District	Group A Extra	Group B Advanced	Group C Tech/Gen	Group D Novice
0	AB0EI	KI0GY	++	KB0ZWT
1	AA1RU	KE1HG	N1YQP	KB1CCJ
2	AB2DG	KG2KE	++	KC2BAN
3	AA3PL	KE3YZ	N3YUG	KB3BSG
4	AF4 BD	KU4DB	++	KF4PMR
5	AC5LO	KM5HI	++	KC5ZFU
6	AD6AM	KQ6NI	++	KF6JHJ
7	AB7UH	KK7FU	++	KC7UWP
8	AA8ZJ	KI8BE	++	KC8GGT
9	AA9TZ	KG9JO	++	KB9PSB
N. Mariana Is	NH0A	AH0AX	KH0GF	WH0ABG
Guam	==	AH2DC	KH2RM	WH2ANT
Hawaii	AH7Q	AH6PA	KH7CS	WH6DDQ
Amer Samoa	AH8O	AH8AH	KH8DH	WH8ABF
Alaska	AL0D	AL7QT	KL0EC	WL7CUC
Virgin Is	WP2Y	KP2CJ	NP2JP	WP2AIH
Puerto Rico	NP3B	KP3AQ	NP3KP	WP4NM

== 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

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.

March 7, 1997: The 1997 Annual ARRL Club Report form has been added to the Public Service page. The ARRL Club Companion newsletter for January, 1997 has been added to the ARRL Affiliated Clubs page. A special ARRL Membership offer is available for a limited time only! Added The ARRL Letter for March 7, 1997.

March 3, 1997: Added the 1997 IARU HF World Championship Rules to the ARRLWeb Contest Calendar. The March Ham-Ads have been added to the Advertising page.

February 28, 1997: The ARRL Letter for February 28, 1997 has been added.

February 21, 1997: Added the Roanoke Division News Supplement for January, 1997 to the Roanoke Division page. February News Tips have been added to the Public Relations Department page. The ARRL Letter for February 21, 1997 has also been added.

February 20, 1997: Added information about QST View errors under Windows 3.1 to Product Notes.

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