

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

MAY 1997

Next meeting: 19 May 1997
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room

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

Message From the President

OVH Members,

OVH has two major club events during the month of June, the Hamfest and Field day. Jack [N4YIC] has done an outstanding job again this year in organizing the Hamfest.

The May meeting will be dedicated entirely to the Hamfest. Please be prepared to sign up and help with any area that is in need of warm bodies. As usual Steve [N4OGR] is looking for help with parking on Sunday.

If you can spare a few hours on Saturday morning please join OVH for breakfast at the Roy Rodgers on Rt. 234 just prior to the fairgrounds. Breakfast starts at 8:00am, and afterwards the crowd will move to fairgrounds to prepare the fairgrounds for Sunday's hamfest

FIELD DAY: TIME: June 28th and 29th PLACE: UNKNOWN

I'm still looking for someone to take charge of Field Day. At the present time, no site has been located and time is getting short. If nobody steps up for this position, OVH may not be participating in Field Day this year. This would be unfortunate, as this is great way to expose the general public to Amateur Radio.

73's
RICK MICHAEL/ KU3M
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OFFICERS

President: Rick Michael	KU3M	791-3775
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Secretary: Jeff Poulin	KF4JSV	361-5865
Treasurer: Jim Hawk	N3ODZ	361-2543

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Bob McCann	N4RL	361-7335
Don (Butch) Blasdel	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	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

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
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

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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 21, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 8PM with 26 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 everyone. The previous minutes were approved. **Jim/N3ODZ**, read the Treasurer's Report which was accepted without objection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jack/N4YIC, gave the Hamfest Committee report. He stated that everything is going well. There are some tables still available. Advertising is proceeding very well involving flyers, the web site, local Ham magazines, and so forth. There will be a committee meeting on May 8, 7:30PM, at Central Library.

Art/W1CRO, gave the Technical Committee report. The pager interference is still a problem. Concerning the new 440 repeater: OVH has received approval from NOVEC to put up the antenna; the frequency will be 444.285 as determined by T-MARC; **Alan/KD4KBX**, has the technical manual so the club can do its own repairs; he plans to use the old repeater as a backup. Art has submitted a budget list for future needs to the Finance committee.

Rick/KU3M, gave the Field Day Committee report. He is looking for help in setting up and still needs gear for a packet and a Novice/Tech Plus station. The site has yet to be determined. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Rick by e-mail or by telephone.

Erv/KT4DS, reported on ARES activities. There will be a 5K run sponsored by the Red Cross on May 3 from 8AM to 1 PM. The next ARES Institute will be held on May 24, 8AM to 5PM, at Bethesda Naval Hospital. ARES voice mail to register can be reached at 703-359-3414.

NEW BUSINESS

Don/W4HJL, made a motion to supply the school where new ham classes are held with a telegraph key. It passed by acclamation. **Lisa/KF4FJD**, read in **Vinh Nguyen/KF4PQI**, **Mark Souza**, and **Larry Whitney/KA4CTR**, for membership consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mike/WV3H, can get Newsline off the internet. He will try to improve his antenna to make reliable contact for the Thursday night Net.

Harry/W4PVA, reported that VE exams will be held on June 7, 9AM, at NOVEC. There will no longer be a printed Call Book; it will only be available on CD-ROM. Armed Forces Day, May 17, has a lot of cross-band QSO opportunities between Hams and the military. QSL cards will be available as specified in QST Magazine.

50-50 was won by **Jim/N3ODZ**.

The Budget Committee proposed a budget of \$30,300.00 for the year which includes additional club gear that comes to approximately \$4,500.00. A copy of the complete proposed budget can be seen on request to the Budget Committee. The proposed budget passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy May birthday to **Blaine/KB4RKL**, **Jim/K9SP**, **Bill/WA4FIC**, **Craig/N4WUV**, **Theodore/N4QDD**, **William/K4WRG**, **Ronald/KT4MI**, **Bill/WB4KFU**, **Fred/KD4ILX**, **Angie/KC4OYD**, **Bob/N4RL**, **Jack/N4YIC**, **Boris/WF3J**, **Ivan/KT4DZ**, **Richard/WA3UFY**, and **Tim/KB4NR**.

Frank/K3TRM Aiello has a daughter! **Carmella Rose Aiello** was born at 3:44 AM on April 8. Everything went well and both she and Sandy are doing fine.
Jan/KE4TMW

ARES/RACES

by Erv/KT4DS

I am pleased to announce that I have finally made contact with the PW County emergency services. A county emergency communications plan is being drafted and I been asked to participate.

The county has requested distribution of the new County disaster assesment form to all radio operators in the county. Please add this form to your arsenal of emergency services material in case you can be of assistance during a disaster (i.e. hurricane).

Scheduled Events:

24 May - ARES Institute: info; voice mail (703) 359-3414

31 May - Am. Lung Assoc. bike ride thru Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford Counties
Jet/KC4RON, (703) 330-7429, e-mail; kc4ron@erols.com

31 May - Set-up day for OVH Hamfest

1 Jun - OVH Hamfest

6 Jun - OVH VE

28/29 Jun - Field day

HAMFEST

On the evening of May 8, 1997 the Hamfest staff and key personnel met at the main Manassas library to discuss Hamfest matters. **Jack/N4YIC**, Hamfest Chairman reported that all necessary administrative matters have been attended to. The Fairgrounds contract and liability insurance documents are in hand. All required tickets have been printed and are in hand. Moreover, letters have been sent to:

- the Prince William County Police requesting they identify two off-duty officers to help at the Hamfest.
- the City of Manassas seeking permission to place Hamfest direction signs at various locations in the city on Hamfest day.
- the Prince William County fire marshall's office requesting that they inspect and approve the Hamfest setup and site on Saturday, May 31st.
- the Winchester Amateur Radio Society asking them to handle the enormous vehicle parking effort at the Fairgrounds for the Hamfest as they have done previously.
- the Lake Jackson Volunteer Rescue Squad asking them to staff the medical office at the Fairgrounds on Hamfest day.

Vendor tables and chairs have been ordered and, with three weeks left before the Hamfest, approximately eighty-five percent of the vendor tables in the large commercial building have already been spoken for. There are still many tables available for sale in the smaller auxiliary building.

After some discussion, there was an agreement to alter the way we set up tables in the large building to make it somewhat easier for the large crowds of people to move about the building more freely. There was some discussion about the possibility of inviting additional food vendors to the Hamfest, but it was decided to shelve this idea until it can be studied further.

The Wikfors family has graciously volunteered to take charge of the bake sale and ladies program for this year's Hamfest.

Ellie/KF4NBO, husband **Bob/KF4FJC** and daughter **Lisa/KF4FJD** will be tending the tables located in the SHOW BARN. We remind all OVH club members that the Wikfors' are hoping everyone brings a baked donation for them to sell. Each year all proceeds from these sales are matched by club funds and the total is donated to a worthy charity.

Charlie/WA4YGI has done a nice job in selecting a wonderful list of prizes to be awarded at the Hamfest.

Steve/N4OGR, along with **Jim/N3ODZ** and **Doc/W1IMX** all reported that they continue having the usual good luck in recruiting club members and non-members to staff the Hamfest gates and tailgate areas.

All Hamfest staff and key personnel have been doing a terrific job and we believe we are right on track in all the many facets it takes to put on a Hamfest. Our final opportunity to discuss Hamfest matters will be at the regular club meeting on May 19, 1997. We still are in need of some additional volunteers to staff the gates and tailgate areas. We encourage all Ole Virginia Hams ARC members to attend this meeting and to speak with Steve, Jim and Doc about their staffing needs.

On setup day, **May 31st**, we ask that all available OVH club members plan to meet at the Roy Rogers restaurant near the Fairgrounds at 08:00 for a **free breakfast** prior to setting up for the Hamfest. After the Hamfest we plan to meet at Tony's New York restaurant in the **Bull Run shopping center** on Sudley Road (Route 234) where we went last year.

With your help we will put on a great Hamfest for the wonderful crowd that joins us here in Manassas every year. Incidentally, the weather on Hamfest day will be 72 degrees and sunny. See you there.

Cheers & 73, **Jack/ N4YIC**

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
LOCAL SITUATION REPORT

1. LOCATION/FIRST DUE:
2. DATE AND TIME:
3. PERSON REPORTING: Call Back Number:
4. TYPE OF EMERGENCY:
5. AFFECTED AREA:
6. ASSISTANCE NEEDED:
7. EOC ACTIVATION NEEDED:
8. PERSONS AFFECTED:
9. EVACUATION REQUIRED:
10. SHELTERING REQUIRED:

STATUS OF ESSENTIAL FACILITIES

11. POLICE:
12. FIRE:
13. EMERGENCY MEDICAL:
14. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER:
15. COMMUNICATIONS:
16. MEDICAL FACILITIES:
17. SHELTERS:
18. SCHOOLS:

LIFE SAFETY

19. INJURED:
20. DEAD:
21. MISSING:

PROPERTY DAMAGE

22. RESIDENTIAL: NUMBER DESTROYED: NUMBER DAMAGED:
23. BUSINESS: NUMBER DESTROYED: NUMBER DAMAGED:

LIFELINE FACILITY STATUS

24. WATER SYSTEMS:
25. SEWAGE SYSTEMS:
26. TELEPHONE SERVICE:
27. ELECTRICAL SERVICE:
28. GAS SERVICE:
29. DAMS/IMPOUNDMENTS:

TRANSPORTATION

30. INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS:
31. PRIMARY ROADS:
32. SECONDARY ROADS:
33. BRIDGES:
34. RAILROADS:
35. AIRPORTS:

36. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS/PROBLEMS:

37. PRIORITIES FOR RESPONSE AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage and
AutoCall, May Issue 1997 & FARA Toroid May)

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)

05/17/97:

Mike Vaia W8ABC @ BBS 301-473-4151
VEC: ARRL/VEC, Frederick, MD

John Creel, 301-572-5124
VEC: Laurel ARC, Laurel, MD

05/27/97:

Jerry Gavin NU3D, 410-761-1423
VEC: Laurel ARC, Glen Burnie, MD

05/30/97:

Jim McCloud N4LZJ, 540-786-8012
VEC: ARRL VEC, Stafford, VA

06/01/97:

Freddie Battle, NG3G, 301-773-2898
VEC: W5YI VEC, Landover, MD

06/07/97:

Harry Vorhauer W4PVA, 703-368-6050
VEC: Manassas, VA

N4QPB'S CONTEST NOTES

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage
and FARA Toroid May)

5/17-18/97:

ARRL VHF/UHF Spring Sprint, 50 MHz.
Armed Forces Day
EU Spring Sprint, CW.

5/24-25/97:

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW.

ARCI QRP Hoot Owl Sprint, CW, from 2000 until 2400 local time May
25. EXCHANGE: Send signal report, state/province/DXCC country and
QRP ARCI number if member. Nonmembers send power output.