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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

NOVEMBER 1997

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To ALL@OVH:

Greetings to all. I hope that everyone is doing well despite the miserable weather we have had the last few weeks. Just be glad all that moisture came in the form of rain and not SNOW!!

Last month I made an announcement that we may not have the use of the NOVEC meeting room facilities for 1998. So far, NOVEC has NOT contacted me about continued use of the room. As more information becomes available, I will pass it along to the club.

We're looking for volunteers for the annual Manassas Christmas Parade. Anyone who can help out, please call Art, W1CRO. It is December 6th (the first Saturday in December).

The education committee is still in need of a volunteer. If you have questions about this position, Charlie, WA4YGI, was the past chairman. Please contact him for further information.

FAR - The Foundation for Amateur Radio. This position is still vacant. Alan, KD4KBX, was the club representative in the past and could provide more details to anyone interested.

Upcoming Contests:

November Sweepstakes (SSB) Nov. 15 (2100 UTC) - Nov. 17 (0400 UTC)
CQWW CW Nov. 29 - Dec. 1
ARRL 160 Meter Contest Dec. 5-7
ARRL 10 Meter Contest Dec. 13-14

See you Monday, November 17th at 8:00 PM

73's for now
RICK/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 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

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, 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

MINUTES OF OVH MEETING OCTOBER 20, 1997

Rick/KU3M called the meeting to order at 8PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, the oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. There were 20 members and 1 guest present.

COMMITTEES

Hamfest – **Jack/N4YIC**, offered to chair the Hamfest again. Also, he announced that OVH sent \$1,000.00 to FAR to administer as part of their scholarship fund. OVH received a letter of thanks for the donation.

Field Day – **Rick/KU3M**, is still looking for a chairman.

Treasurer – **Charlie/WA4YGI**, gave the report, which was accepted without questions.

ARES – **Erv/KT4DS**, announced that the next ARES Institute has been canceled and that volunteers are still needed for the Marine Corps Marathon.

Packet – **Bill/N4WJN**, reported that the hard drive for the TNC is dead. He replaced it with one from his own gear to get packet running again. He will propose purchasing new TNCs at a future meeting.

Technical - see below.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rick/KU3M was notified by NOVEC that they might not continue to rent the use of the community room next year. No explanation for the change was given. He will investigate as to the reason before any letter is sent from OVH. Also, Rick was told that the ARRL wouldn't be able to send a speaker on the new RF safety standards coming out next year. He requested that someone review the standards, as they now exist, and present a program to the club. **Art/W1CRO** volunteered to do so for the December meeting.

After the break, **Art/W1CRO**, gave a talk on the three repeaters operated by OVH. His report dealt with the repeaters' coverage, transmitting patterns, the technical specifications, and their uses and how to access those uses. He gave a precis of this report to the Club Secretary and it is available to view on request. He also suggested updating the OVH repeater Guide, last issued in 1982. Art brought up that the 2-meter and 220 machines are about 15 years old. Obviously, they still work but repair parts are increasingly difficult to find. This will have to be addressed in the future. The new controller is about to be ordered. The repeaters may need to be down for a week or so while they are mated to the new controller. Also, we are still having trouble with pager interference.

Steve/N4OGR made a last call for the OVH ball caps before the order goes in.

Bill/WA4FIC won the 50-50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to our fellow Hams: **Michael/N3NVF**, **Butch/W4HJL**, **Charlie/WA4YGI**, **Gene/KD4RHC**, **Ken/KM4UH**, **Michael/N4REI**, **Joseph/KD2RO**, and **Joe/AB4QV**.

I still need a birth date (month and day) for **William/KF4SJF**.

Give thanks for our club and all of Ham Radio on Thanksgiving Day.

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

LAST CALL OVH BASEBALL CAPS

Be the second on your block (okay, the first if you live on a new block) to get your very own, one of a kind, classy, and good looking too, Baseball Cap in the official OVH colors!

The cap is made of taslon nylon, medium blue in color, with the OVH logo in red and the callsign in white. The caps are embroidered by Merlin's Custom Embroidery (who by the way are regulars at our Hamfest).

The cost is \$9.00 each in-groups of eight or ten. If interested in having one of these unique hats please send me a check for \$9.00 made out to Steve Frick. Send the check to 246 Kent Drive, Manassas, VA 20111. When I have enough orders accumulated, I will place the order with Merlin.

So, don't delay in ordering your hat, because if you do, and you order it later, you'll be (heaven forbid) the third or fourth on your block!

If you have questions you can send me a message on packet through the OVH node on port 3, or gee, something new! You can send me email at jansteve@erols.com, or if all else fails, call me on the repeater or at 361-0008.

73 de STEVE/N4OGR, the "OGER"

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage)

(I got it from the FARA Newsletter the Toroid)

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)

11/15/97
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Manassas, VA 22111

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Two Letter Prefix "4" Calls

The following information is provided for your assistance in using this ARRL QSL bureau. These procedures will facilitate receiving your cards promptly, and help us do our job more efficiently. We encourage reproducing and distributing this information at training classes and club meetings.

The ARRL supports the bureau for use by all amateurs and League membership is not required. We only serve amateurs with two-letter prefix "4" calls. One-letter prefix calls are handled by the Mecklenburg Bureau (see address at bottom). If you live in the fourth call area, but don't have a "4" in your callsign, you should contact the Bureau serving your call area. See QST for addresses, or send an SASE to ARRL for information.

This Bureau is for **INCOMING DX** cards only. Outgoing DX cards must be sent directly to ARRL Headquarters (see address on reverse). The outgoing Bureau requires League membership and a fee for service. Cards for contacts within the continental U.S. must be sent direct.

To receive your DX cards sent via the Bureau, send us clasp opening envelopes between 5 X 7 1/2 and 6 X 9 inches **ONLY**. Larger envelopes are too large for our files, and require additional postage. If necessary, we will accept 6 1/2 by 9 1/2 inch clasp envelopes provided they include the postal surcharge noted below. Smaller (letter or legal size) envelopes get lost in the files, and don't accept the larger DX cards. We recommend sending several envelopes at a time, but please don't send more than you might reasonably expect to receive in a year's time. Nonstandard and padded envelopes may be returned to you empty.

PRINT your callsign **CLEARLY** in the upper left-hand corner of each envelope. Address each envelope to yourself in the center. Affix postage for at least one ounce to each envelope. If you expect a lot of cards, we recommend stapling additional postage to the top envelope to be used as needed. Use your postage wisely. At current rates, one ounce is 32 cents, and each additional ounce is 23 cents. The postal surcharge for envelopes larger than 6 X 9 inches is 11 cents for the first ounce. Providing postage in increments other than these is a waste of your money. If postal rates increase, you should supply add-on postage for all your envelopes. We mail cards when the weight of cards equals the amount of postage on the envelope. One ounce is generally good for about 5-8 cards, including the weight of the envelope. We do not sell stamps or envelopes, so please don't send us money for these.

Envelopes are filed by call; therefore, you must maintain separate envelopes for each individual call for which you could receive cards. We can not cross reference upgrades, vanity calls, family calls, etc. Keep in mind that cards may come in 5 or more years after the original contact. When you send in your envelopes, you may include a self-addressed postcard which we will return to you to assure you that your envelopes have arrived safely.

Please don't request special services such as "mail monthly", mail in a certain order, mail other than first class, etc. Since the Post Office frequently returns overweight envelopes to us, we will not mail cards if sufficient postage is not available to mail them. We send out "last envelope" notices when applicable. Please replenish your envelopes within two weeks of receiving a last envelope notice, or make sure that you always have envelopes on file. Unclaimed cards are a major problem, and can not be retained indefinitely. They may be destroyed or returned to sender without notice. Cards are typically distributed on a monthly cycle. On request, we will be glad to provide you with the status of your envelopes at the Bureau (SASE for response appreciated) or will mail all cards currently on file for you. Be sure to include your callsign(s) and full address on any correspondence, and allow 4-6 weeks for reply.