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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

OCTOBER 1997

**Next meeting: 20 October 1997
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

To All@OVH,

Well, another month has past and all seems well in the world of Amateur Radio. As the weather gets cooler this might be the time to think about putting up that new 80 or 160 Meter antenna, string some new beverages through the trees or just do some general maintenance on the existing antennas.

From the looks of the latest WWV numbers, we could be in for some good propagation during the fall season. Sunspot numbers were over 100 for the first time in a number of years, and 10 meters was opened to VK/ZL land past sunset. The winter of 1997-1998 will most likely produce some good Dxing on 160 and 80 meters as the new sunspot cycle starts.

RF Safety Standards: I am trying to arrange an ARRL technical representative to attend a meeting either in November or December to present information on the new RF safety standards that will be placed into effect in January 1998.

Upcoming Events: November 15 - VE Exams at the NOVEC building. Volunteer examiners should contact Harry (W4PVA) for additional information.

For the contesters: October 25-26 - WW DX Contest (Phone)
Nov. 1-3 - ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
Nov. 15-17 - ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
Nov. 15-16 - ARRL International EME Competition
Nov. 29-30 - CQ WW DX Contest (CW)

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WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	W4PVA (Harry)	368-6050
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HAMFEST 1998

TBD

FIELD DAY 1998

TBD

CLUB ROSTER

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EDUCATION

Charlie	WA4YGI	361-3091
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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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Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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Art	W1CRO	791-4330
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Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435
Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
Tim	KB4NR	494-2737
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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REPEATER TRUSTEE

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP

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SUNSHINE

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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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

**MINUTES OF OVH MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 1997**

Rick/KU3M, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing the attendance sheet. There were 20 members and 2 guests present.

COMMITTEES

Hamfest and Field Day - **Rick/KU3M**, is looking for volunteers to chair these committees.

Treasurer - **Jim/WA2QEJ**, presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted without questions.

Packet - **Bill/N4WJN**, will be performing bench tests to make 9600 baud compatible with our packet system.

Technical - **Art/W1CRO**, is investigating possible desensing of the 440 repeater. **Jim/WA2QEJ**, has use of a narrow bandpass filter and suggested trying it on the 2 meter repeater to minimize interference.

MISCELLANEOUS

Harry/W4PVA, still needs a few volunteers to help with the PWC bike ride on September 20.

A motion passed to make an applicant's birth month and day an optional field on membership applications.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Kanode/N4MM, the ARRL Roanoke Division Director, addressed the club on a wide variety of topics. These included: the new ARRL Handbook will be available in November; Field Day results will be published in the November QST; vanity call sign fees will go to \$50.00 as of September 15, 1997; the Phase 3-D launch will probably not take place until next year; September 20 was National Amateur Radio Awareness Day; legislation about scanners being considered in congress could impact amateur radio and the ARRL is working to get an exemption for our hobby; WARC 99 is where licensing restructuring will be addressed; the international licensing agreement seems to be tied up at the State Department.

50-50 was won by **Tom/KE4PCV**.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff/KF4JSV

Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Oops! Missed the deadline for September submissions. Anyway, Happy Birthday to these September hams: **Warren/N4MWU**, **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**, **James/W4HJH**, **Kevin/KF4AZY**, **Barbara/N3MWJ**, **Maury/W0HYB**, and **Gus/N4MLE**.

Happy Birthday to these hams born in October! **Keith/KM4AA**, **Matt/KD4VNH**, **Loren/KI6NE**, **Bob/K0WYL**, **Doc/W1IMX**, **Judy/KC4WES**, **Jay/NS5N**, **Lowell/N4ENW**, **Bob/KF4FJE**, **Tommy/KA4AFU**, and **Erv/KT4DS**.

The following members need to contact me with their birthdates, if they want them celebrated here: **Lynne Ahalt**, **Michael/N3VNF**, **Don Flora**, **James/KC4ZPN**, **Vinh/KF4PQI**, **William/KF4SJF**, **Jim/KD4IEA**, **Larry/KA4CTX**, and **Mark/KF4PIW**. Please include your callsign and birthdate. You can contact me via email at jansteve@erols.com, or at 361-0008.

Thanks,

Jan/KE4TMW

ARRL Exam Session Search

Virginia

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10/11/97		
12/13/97	10/25/97	
Brown Snyder N4ZHV	11/22/97	11/15/97
703-434-3133	Mark W Mullins	Michael Weber
VEC: ARRL/VEC	540-926-8193	703-450-2304
Harrisonburg, VA 22801	VEC: W5YI-VEC	VEC: ARRL/VEC
	Clintwood, VA 24228	Sterling, VA 20165
10/11/97		
12/13/97	11/01/97	11/22/97
Pat Wilson N5PW	12/06/97	Carolyn Cavanagh AC4SK
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	Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	
10/12/97		11/29/97
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VEC: ARRL/VEC	703-452-4592	VEC: W5YI-VEC
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	Gate City, VA 24251	Hayes, VA 23052
10/18/97		
11/15/97	11/12/97	12/06/97
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Richmond, VA 23075	VEC: W5YI-VEC	Culpeper, VA 22701
	South Boston, VA 24592	
10/19/97		01/17/98
11/16/97	11/13/97	Ivan R Webb Jr
12/07/97	Pat Phelps KE4URC	540-964-9540
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VEC: ARRL/VEC	Chesapeake, VA 23323	
Lynchburg, VA 24502		
10/19/97	11/13/97	
11/16/97	12/11/97	
Terrance V Vlug	Joseph Kolb	
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VEC: ARRL/VEC	VEC: ARRL/VEC	
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	11/15/97	
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HAMFEST and CONVENTION CALENDAR

* = Conventions + = ARRL Hamfest x = Non-ARRL Hamfest ** = Convention Pending EC Action
= Holiday

October 26

+ Carroll County ARC and Penn-Mar RC,
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January 18

+ Richmond Amateur Telecommunications
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January 25

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March 28-29

* Maryland State Convention, Timonium,
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Functional Sputnik model set for Mir launch

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT October 3, 1997
To all radio amateurs

Plans remain in place to launch a functioning mini-Sputnik from Mir October 4--the 40th anniversary of the launching of Sputnik 1 by the USSR. Sputnik 1 was the first manmade satellite put into orbit around Earth.

Earlier this year, an agreement was signed between Russia and France to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik 1, and two groups of high school students cooperated in building the one-third scale model of the original Sputnik 1. Students in Russia built the satellite itself, while students in France built the 2-meter transmitter that will "beep" from space following its launch from Mir. The mini-satellite flew as cargo to Mir last month aboard a Progress rocket. According to Miles Mann, WF1F, of MIREX, the Mir crew will place the satellite in an airlock on Mir and push it out the door on October 4.

Following launch, the scale model of Sputnik will remain close to the Russian space station. It's estimated that its batteries will hold up for up to two months.

The transmitter will put between 100 and 200 mW into a circularly polarized antenna. The transmitter frequency is expected to be between 145.81 and 145.85 MHz (FM). The audio tone will be at 1.3 kHz but vary with temperature. For more information, see <http://www.oceanes.fr/~fr5fc/angspoutnik.html>.