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*****NOVEC Tech. Center, Gainesville*****

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

Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

During these dog days' nites, maybe you can "spot" a dog star (Sirius) or (Procyon) from Canis major and minor.

A ham's healthy diet is Hammocking--quality time lying w/your HT in one hand and a tall cool one in the other. The Club will be having a backyard picnic on September 12th at **Butch/W4HJL's** QTH. This is a great chance to get to know members and their families. Details on this gathering inside!

Come out for the Aug.17th meeting. **Ed/KE4SKY**, will be giving a presentation on " What If A Repeater Goes Down?" This is great practice for real-life situations we all go through.

Upcoming late/summer activities: Sept. 19 OVH event--**Fall Bike Tour** at Nokesville Park. Sept.22-- **HAZMAT Drill: Erv/KT4DS** for info. Be sure to support them as the training is great, too. **NWS** is offering classes in: Basic I Sept 19 (Sat), 12-3; Flash Flood Sept 23 (Wed) 7-9; Basic II Sept 24(Thurs), 7-9:30. All weather training classes are of immense value when you consider our fickle weather of late. **Call 703-260-0106 to register.**

73 and here to serve YOU. See you Aug 17 (Gainesville).

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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 NOVEC Tech Center in Gainesville. 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 5th 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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**MINUTES OF OVH MEETING
JULY 20, 1998**

Cathy/AE4UM, opened the meeting at 8:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. There were 19 members and 2 guests present. The previous minutes and Treasurer's report were accepted without questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Day - Maury/W4HYB, thanked everyone who participated and is looking forward to next year.

Hamfest - Jack/N4YIC, reported that he is arranging the year 2000 contract, and 2001 option, with the Fair Grounds. He indicated that he is willing to chair the committee again next year.

Scholarship - Jack also showed the newspaper stories and photos taken at the presentation ceremony.

Technical - Art/KW4AW, said the 220 repeater will be modified to make it more versatile and he is looking at increasing the power on the 440 machine.

Membership - Lisa/KF4FJD, read in the name of **Ruth Frock/KF4YYC**, for membership. The application will be voted on at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Cathy/AE4UM, announced that the matter of donating to Newline will be postponed until the Finance Committee meets.

PROGRAM

Phil/KT3Y, presented a program on the use of wire antennas, based on his experience as a DXer and winning contester. Phil used an overhead projector to display the positioning of the many antennas on his property and the signal patterns they produce as modeled by computer programs.

A few of the many points he made were: Make sure the antennas are high enough to ensure a low, horizontal take off angle of the signal. Keep components light but strong. Phil uses aluminum ground wire for middle elements; weight-bearing parts are made from stronger, heavier wire. He uses aluminum fence wire for beverage antennas. Newer computer modeling programs can account for minor variations in the terrain under the antenna. Even minor variations can make significant differences in the pattern. He uses liquid electrical tape to seal connections. He has found it to be more effective and easier to use than coax sealing putty. Phil has found that stacked dipoles are most efficient if connected with ladder line and fed in the middle of the ladder line. A sloper makes an excellent receiving antenna but is less efficient than a standard dipole for transmitting. He uses #10 size wire for most antennas and they have stayed up for years.

50-50 was won by **Jay/N5SN**: **Charlie/WA4YGI**, won the baseball cap.
The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Congratulations to Art/KW4AW, who's received his most recent call from the Call-of-the-Month-Club! Art has been waiting patiently for this call, so expect updated email and packet addresses, etc. Art is our repeater trustee and repairman extraordinaire (along with others).

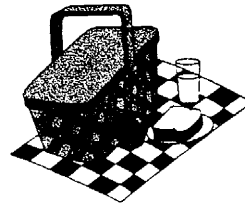
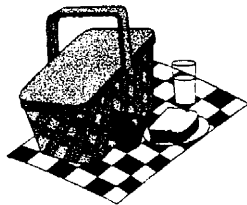
Best Wishes to Andy/KD4RHB, who was in a serious auto accident on July 28th. He didn't break any bones, or have any injuries, he'll just be stiff and sore for a few days. The truck he was in, however, is a different story -- he was broadsided and flipped over by someone in a hurry. The Club sent a card to him at home, and we all are thankful he was not hurt.

Happy Birthday to our fellow hams born in August: **Stuart/W4PR**, **Thomas/KE4PCV**, **John/N4MM**, **Jimmy/WA2QEJ**, **Rick/KU3M**, and **Charles/WA8YCK**.

Welcome Cheri/KB5QZJ and **Wesley/N5RTY** to the club. Cheri and Wesley are married with a baby, a harmonic now, a new ham one day?

Help the Sunshine Corner recognize happy and sad events. Births, deaths, upgrades, sickness, and any other significant events in the life of our hams are recognized here. Call me at 703-257-0897, email me at jansteve@erols.com, or call me on the radio after 7 pm most days. Thanks!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW



OVH PICNIC !!!!!

On Sept. 12 be ready to bid farewell to summer by attending the annual OVH Picnic!!! This year the site is the backyard of the **Blasdells (Mary Lou/KB4EFP and Butch/W4HJL)** at 4p.m. 9727 Loudoun Ave., Manassas 369-2877. Please share with the club a sample of your favorite recipe by bring a covered dish of it to pass around. The club will provide: meat, buns, drinks and all tableware. If you have a favorite lawn chair--bring it, too! Hope to see one and all in Blasdell's shady yard.

Directions to NEW OVH Meeting location NOVEC Tech. Training Center 5399 Wellington Rd. Gainesville

>From 66 westbound

Take exit 43B (take the first of the two 43B exits), it is marked as the Nissan exit. Half way around the curved exit, keep to the left, at the stop sign turn left onto 29 South (There are no signs in this area so if you end up on 29 North, make a U-turn). About 1/2 mile (first light at the 29/66 interchange), turn left onto Wellington road. Cross the RR tracks and it is the second business building on left.

>From 66 east bound

Take exit 43B. At light at the 29/66 interchange, turn left onto Wellington road. Cross the RR tracks and it's the second business building on the left.

>From 29 South

At the 29/66 interchange, turn left onto Wellington road. Cross the RR tracks and it's the second business building on the left.

>From 29 North

At the 29/66 interchange, turn right onto Wellington road. Cross the RR tracks and it's the second business building on the left.

>From Manassas

At 28 and Wellington Road. If southbound 28 turn right or if northbound 28 turn left onto Wellington Road. Follow Wellington Road all the way to NOVEC (on right, .8 miles past Nissan pavilion).

1998 Virginia QSO Party Awards Presented

The 1998 Virginia QSO Party awards were formally presented June 7th at the Manassas Hamfest. The 1998 plaque winners and sponsors were: High Single Operator Novice/Technician All Mode awarded to **Dennis Boehler/KF4TJ** 13,020 Points sponsored by Dulles Amateur Radio Group. High Single Operator CW awarded to **Tom S. Jones/K4JM** 27,774 Points sponsored by Franklin County Amateur Radio Club. High All Mode Single Operator Outside Virginia awarded to **Keith A. Pederson/WA3HAE** 16,695 Points sponsored by Foundation for Amateur Radio Club. High QRP All Mode Single Operator awarded to **John Youell/WA4QDM** 15,576 Points sponsored by **Dave Williams/K7HMP**. High Single Operator VHF awarded to **Franklin E. Gaver/KE4HOA** 890 Points sponsored by Foundation for Amateur Radio Club. High Virginia Club Combined Score awarded to **Central Virginia Contest Club** 287,818 Points sponsored by Central Virginia Contest Club. High Virginia Mobile awarded to **Stan Reas/K4UK** 20,686 Points sponsored by Foundation for Amateur Radio Club.

Additionally, over 80 certificates were given out to winners in various categories. Detailed results from the QSO Party may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.monumental.com/lorentz>. Many thanks to **Ed Lockhart/K4GEL**, contest co-charman for all his hard work scoring and compiling the results. Thanks also to the "Ole Virginia Hams" and their hamfest chairman **Jack McDermott/N4YIC** for allowing us to make our award presentations at their hamfest in Manassas, VA and to **John Kanode/N4MM**, ARRL Roanoke Division Director for helping make some of the award presentations.

from AUTOCALL, August 1998 - Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club Column

H.R. 3572: How You Can Help

What does H.R. 3572 do?

H.R. 3572 is a straightforward piece of legislation that would require the Federal Communications Commission to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" in the event the Commission might need to reallocate any Amateur Radio frequencies. As spectrum management is a dynamic (not static) process of continual adjustment and accommodation between various radio services, this measure would maintain the FCC's ability to be an effective spectrum manager while ensuring that the existing amount of amateur spectrum could not be diminished.

What can you do?

When ARRL wants Congress to pay attention to a particular piece of legislation, it often helps to ask our members write a brief letter to their representative in Washington. Such letters indicate that the legislation is not just the project of a special interest group, but has the backing of the folks back home.

This is called "grassroots advocacy."

In fact, with non-controversial legislation like HR 3572, a letter from the district is often all that is required to convince a member of Congress to sign on as a co-sponsor of a bill.

So, if you are an ARRL member who supports legislative protection for Amateur Radio spectrum, please help by writing.

What's the objective?

The objective is to get as many co-sponsors as possible. What does co-sponsorship mean? It means that the member of Congress has read the bill and agrees that it is worthwhile legislation. Co-sponsorship is not a vote in favor of the bill. However, the more co-sponsors a bill has, the more attention is likely to be paid to it, particularly if there are sufficient co-sponsors from both political parties. And, if we're not able to get action on the bill this session of Congress, the more co-sponsors we get the easier it will be to have the bill introduced early next session.

Where should you look?

ARRL members can find their representatives' web pages and e-mail addresses at <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>.

To find your senator's web page and e-mail address, try <http://www.senate.gov/senator/membmail.html>.

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PROGRAM ABOUT "REPEATERS"