

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

**FEBRUARY 1998**

**Next meeting: 16 February 1998  
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

## **Message from the President**

To All @ OVH,

Thanks for all of your support throughout this past year. I have enjoyed serving as President and wish the new officers luck in the coming year.

Field Day is still up for grabs. Anyone who wishes to undertake this effort should contact Cathy (AE4UM).

Anyone interested in helping with the hamfest, please contact Jack (N4YIC).

DX Notice: For those of you who chase DX, the Spratly Island operation, 9MOC, should be underway by the time you receive this newsletter. Check the usual DX frequencies.

73's  
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
Art Whittum	KX4AW	791-4330

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Bob Wikfor	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	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
OVH Treas.		

**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	KX4AW	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	KX4AW	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	KX4AW	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 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

## JANUARY 21, 1998

**Rick/KU3M**, called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM with 26 members and 2 guests present. It opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing the attendance sheet.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Treasurer – Jim/WA2QEJ**, read the report. There were no questions.

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

**ARES – Erv/KT4DS**, reported that there will be an EMS mass casualty drill at Nissan Pavilion on Saturday, April 25.

**Nominating – Milt/N4SN**, provided the names of nominees for **OVH** officers: **Cathy Whalen/AE4UM** for President; **Charlie Dale/WA4YGI**, for Vice President; **Larry Whitney/KA4CTX**, for Treasurer; **Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV**, for Secretary. No other nominations were put forward during the meeting.

**Packet – Bill/N4WJN**, has submitted figures for repairs and replacement gear. Also, Bill is investigating adding e-mail to our packet system. He hopes to attract more people to packet use with added resources and information.

**Technical – Art/KX4AW**, reported that the 440, 220, and 2 meter machines will be taken down in that order when they are reconfigured. He is checking out a desensing problem on the 440 machine. Art also made available copies of the new RF safety standards on paper and diskette.

**Website – Frank/K3TRM**, now has a scanner that can be used to add materials to the web page easily. Also, he can provide e-mail service through the site.

**Hamfest** - see below.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Bob/N4RL**, nominated **Art/KX4AW**, to be the new **OVH Director** to replace **Tim/KB4NR**, who has resigned because of health problems. His motion was seconded by **Steve/N4OGR**, and passed unanimously.

### PROGRAM

Hamfest chairman **Jack/N4YIC**, reported that we will use our website with links to and from the **ARRL** website to disseminate information about the hamfest. The cost of running last year's hamfest was \$3,000.00 less than previous years, which minimized the lower revenues due to bad weather. The assignment sheets are ready and people can contact the various coordinators to volunteer. Concerning the scholarship effort, Jack said that we must get the ball rolling on the forms, nominations, and so forth. We should also invite the local papers to cover the award.

Jack opened the floor to suggestions on how to improve the hamfest and attendance. It was suggested that an area be set up to demonstrate various facets of ham radio (a la field day) and possibly to provide "power" stations so that buyers can test their purchases before leaving the grounds. Jack pointed out the problem is finding the manpower to do this while so many other vital functions need staffing. One possibility was to invite Woodbridge Wireless to provide the demonstration. Another concern was conflicts with the big computer shows. It was concluded that it would probably not be possible to coordinate with them as their dates are set very far in advance. Finally, it was noted that the **OVH** hamfest has a reputation for friendliness that makes it an especially enjoyable event. We should be sure to maintain that atmosphere.

**50-50** was won by **Rick/KU3M**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM Respectfully submitted,

**Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV**  
Recording Secretary

### OVH CAPS

Hats are in!!! Be the second on your block to wear your new **OVH HAT!!!!** Pick your hat up at the next meeting, 16 Feb!!!

73 de **Steve/N4OGR**

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to: **Charlie/KE4JWY**, **Timothy/KC4VMX**, **Joseph/NL7JT**, **George/KD4GTN**, **Chuck/KA3EHL**, **Brian/KE4GKH**, **Vinh/KF4PQI**, **David/AH6OD**, and **Art/KX4AW**.

**73 de Jan/KE4TMW**

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The OVH Nominating Committee met recently and they have come up with a possible slate of officers for the coming year. Elections will be held at the next meeting on February 16, 1998. There can also be nominations made from the floor, as long as the person being nominated has given their permission prior to the Election, and that the nominee meets the criteria as stated in the Bylaws. Election will be by Secret Ballot.

The following members of Ole' Virginia Hams have agreed to run for office:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Cathy Whalen</b>	<b>AE4UM</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Charlie Dale</b>	<b>WA4YGI</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Larry Whitney</b>	<b>KA4CTX</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jeff Poulin</b>	<b>KF4JSV</b>

We urge all members of OVH who are able, to attend the February meeting and cast your vote for the new Officers. Then we can all offer our cooperation, support and assistance to the incoming officers for the tasks ahead.

## VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage at

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=VA>)

We got it from the FARA Toroid February Newsletter

### 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)

02/14/98:  
Buck Mowbray N3RIQ  
540-289-9790  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

03/01/98:  
Freddie Battle  
301-773-2898  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Palmer Park, MD 20785

02/19/98:  
Bill Dobson N3WD  
410-HAM-TALK  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Towson, MD 21204

03/08/98:  
Gregory Lanham, KU4AN  
540-722-4792  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Middletown, VA 22649

02/21/98:  
John Creel  
301-572-5124  
VEC: Laurel ARC  
Laurel, MD 20707

## Vienna WINTERFEST

The Vienna Wireless Society will hold its ARRL Hamfest WINTERFEST at the Vienna Community Center, Park & Cherry Streets, in Vienna, VA on Sunday, 22 February 1998. Frostbite Tailgate opens 6 a.m. on a first-come basis. Indoor area opens 8 a.m. Admission is \$5, tailgate space is \$10 including admission. ARRL VE exams at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the day before ONLY. Talk-in on 146.91(-) & 146.685(-). For more information, contact Mike K3MT, 703-834-5000 ext. 2729.  
From WORLDRADIO March 1998.

## QCWA QSO Party

Sponsored by Quarter Century Wireless Assn. from 1900Z Mar 14 until 1900Z Mar 15 (the second QCWA QSO Party of the year takes place 1800Z Sep 19 until 1800Z Sep 20). CW and phone, operator's choice or mixed-mode. Work stations on each of 15 possible "bands": 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m CW and phone; 6 m; 2 m; 1.35 m; 70 cm & up. Work stations in your own QCWA chapter only once. No crossband or repeater QSOs. QCWA members exchange call signs, the last two digits of the year first licensed, chapter number ("AL" if not a member of a chapter). Nonmembers exchange call signs, the last two digits of the year first licensed, and the state, province or country. Scoring: 1 pt per phone QSO, 2 pts per CW QSO. Count 1 multiplier for each QCWA chapter, plus each non-member state/province/country. Contacts with HQ station W2MM count as 3 multipliers per "band." Awards. All logs must be received no later than 1 month after contest Send logs to: Art Monsees, W4BK, 420 Bay Avenue Apt 1521, Clearwater, FL 34616, or Don Bice, W4PCO, 5511 18th Ave North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710. See the QCWA Web site at <http://www.teleport.com/~qcwa/qsoparty.htm>.  
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## Virginia QSO Party

Sponsored by the Sterling Park ARC, 1800Z Mar 21 to 0500Z Mar 22, and 1100Z Mar 22 to 0200Z Mar 23. Single operator, mobile, club, single-multi and multi-multi. Work stations once per band/mode, mobiles as they cross county lines. VA stations work everyone, others work VA stations only. Send serial no. and state/province/DXCC country (VA stations send county). CW -- 1.805 and 50 kHz up; phone -- 1.845 3.860 7.260 14.260 21.360 28.360; Novice/Tech -- 10 kHz up and 28.360; VHF/UHF -- 50.125 147.48 223.50 446.00. No repeater or cross-mode QSOs. Score 1 pt/phone, 2 pts/CW, and 3 pts/VA mobile QSO. Final score is QSO pts VA counties (max 95); VA stations use VA counties/states/provinces/DXCC countries for multiplier. VA mobiles add 100 bonus pts for each VA county from which they make a QSO. Club competition. Awards. Send entries by Apr 18 to Virginia QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167.  
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## FCC Sequential Call Sign Update

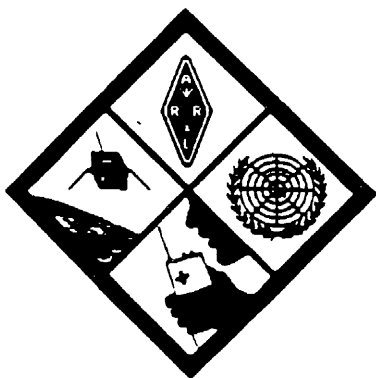
The following is a list of FCC sequentially assigned call signs issued as of February 2, 1998.

District	Group A Extra	Group B Advanced	Group C Tech/Gen	Group D Novice
0	AB0HF	KI0LO	++	KC0CRE
1	AA1TE	KE1JE	++	KB1CIT
2	AB2EX	KG2NO	++	KC2CYG
3	AA3QT	KF3AW	++	KB3CBT
4	AF4HV	KU4OF	++	KF4VRS
5	AC5OX	KM5OU	++	KD5DFM
6	AD6EJ	KQ6UM	++	KF6PIL
7	AB7XF	KK7LT	++	KD7AKT
8	AB8BV	KI8FA	++	KC8JFJ
9	AA9VK	KG9MI	++	KB9SAON
Mariana Is	NH0B	AH0AY	KH0GV	WH0ABI
Guam	++	AH2DF	KH2TA	WH2ANV
Hawaii	NH7F	AH6PF	KH7IN	WH6DEN
American Samoa	AH8P	AH8AH	KH8DL	WH8ABF
Alaska	AL0H	AL7QY	KL0LN	WL7CUQ
Virgin Islands	++	KP2CM	NP2JX	WP2AIJ
Puerto Rico	NP3S	KP3BE	NP3TS	WP4NNP

++All call signs in this group have been issued in this district.

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