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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JANUARY 1998

**Next meeting: 19 January 1998
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

Message From the President

To ALL @ OVH

I trust that everyone had a great holiday season and that 1998 is starting out on a good note. Band conditions seem to be improving a bit from last year. Lets hope that 1998 brings lots of new sunspots!

Don't forget that it is time to pay club dues for 1998!!

The 1998 Hamfest will be the topic for discussion this month. Jack (N4YIC) is chairman again this year. Those who would like to help please get in touch with Jack.

Remember that February is election month. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers at the January meeting. Please plan on attending the February meeting to cast your ballot.

Not much else to report from south end of Manassas

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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 DECEMBER 15, 1997

Rick/KU3M, called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM with 23 members and 1 guest 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, noted that the next **ARES** Institute will be held at the Bethesda Institute on January 10. There is a \$10.00 fee.

Technical - Art/KX4AW, reported that the controller installation is not firmly scheduled yet. Also, there is a new interference problem on the repeater from Channel 4 audio signals.

Hamfest - Jack/N4YIC, asked to use part of the January meeting to discuss what to do at the 1998 Hamfest.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick/KU3M, finally heard from **NOVEC** regarding the use of the Community Room for **OVH** functions. We have the option to use the room until August 1998 or to look for a new place immediately. After discussion, a motion was made to prepay for the room until August while looking for a new facility. The June 13 **OVH** exam time is already reserved. The motion passed unanimously.

Art/KX4AW, is going to apply for a vanity call sign for the club that will have **OVH** in the call.

PROGRAM

Art/KU4MI, Chairman of the Technical Committee, gave a synopsis of the new RF exposure regulations and answered questions. The details were far too voluminous to present in one program but Art noted that the complete materials are available in **FCC Bulletin 65 and Supplements A and B**, available on the internet and from the **FCC**. Also, the **January QST** has an article on how to calculate exposure levels and how they compare to the regulated levels. He will provide pertinent reference pages and work sheets to be included in future issues of the **OVH** newsletter.

50-50 was won by **Art/KU4MI**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV

Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy New Year, Hams! Have a great year with many contacts, and enjoy Ham Radio. Congratulations again to **Art/KX4AW**, who had his callsign change one more time!

Happy Birthday to **Ed/WD4AVU**, **Francis/W4IWZ**, **Dick/WD4AZG**, **Alan/WA2GTT**, **Jeff/KF4CQD**, **Jim/KD4IEA**, **Paul/AB6X**, **Milt/N4SN**, **Lisa/KF4FJD**, **Ellie/KF4NBO**, **John/NQ4Q**, **Woody/N4MQ**, and **John/WA1STU**.

News about **KB4NR**: **Tim/KB4NR** had been getting better, but is now back in the ICU at Fairfax Hospital. He is unable to have visitors at this time (or flowers, fruit or balloons, either!), but would appreciate hearing from club members via email or card. Send emails to **TimWayne@erols.com** and cards to Tim Wayne, 1708 Sharp Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191.

(Thanks to **Mary Lu/KB4EFP** for this update.)

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

FYI -- WARNING REGARDING AMATEUR PLATES

(Bob, WA4YPV)
(FARA Toroid Jan 1998)

I think that every amateur in the State of Virginia has a right to know this information. I will try to make this as succinct as possible.

1. While driving recently in Fairfax County, Virginia I was pulled over by a Fairfax County Patrolman who accused me of driving on an expired vehicle registration. After demonstrating to him that all my vehicle license tags had proper stickers and showing him my registration papers he sent me on my way (late to my business appointment, of course).
2. A telephone inquiry to Virginia DMV that afternoon produced no explanation of the situation other than to confirm the fact that my registration was in "perfect" order and the "mistake" must have been the fault of the Fairfax County Police.
3. Later that day I used some connections to Virginia State Police to recheck the status of my registration and (you guessed it!) it came up again as STILL expired.
4. A subsequent trip, in person, to my local DMV office neted the same results; "Your registration is fine and unexpired, it must be someone else's fault".
5. After a number of hours on the telephone (much long distance to Fairfax County) I finally located a Fairfax County officer who was willing to listen to my problem and grant that perhaps it needed investigation, since when they checked it STILL showed as expired.
6. The DMV office in Richmond refused to contact the officer in Fairfax to try to work out the problem, but finally gave me an "Enforcement Division" number that could be called to discuss the problem (This number is not available to Joe Citizen, all I could do was relay it to the concerned Fairfax County officer).
7. My Fairfax County contact did call the Enforcement Division and seems to have come up with at least a partial explanation.

They indicated that they cannot simply provide DMV with just the license plate number when running a vehicle license check. They must also provide a "type" code such as PV for Personal Vehicle, MC for Motorcycle and (read this) "AR" for Amateur Radio Plates (no matter whether its on a Personal Vehicle, Truck, or Motorcycle).

The catch is that the "AR" code does NOT show up on the list of 10 or 12 motor vehicle codes on their computer screen, apparently it seems to be a secret code that the officer must know about by some kind of magic knowledge when he operates the computer to run the check!!!

Now all of this may be well and good but Amateur Radio plate holders should keep in mind that an officer stopping a vehicle for an expired registration probably has probable cause to suspect that it is stolen and you are probably then subject to unwarranted search and seizure.

So if you value your constitutional rights, get rid of those amateur tags, and if find yourself in this situation in the mean time, try to explain to the stopping officer that he MUST use the AR vehicle code to run your amateur plates.

Enjoy being a second class citizen on the Virginia Superhighways!!

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RE M I N D E R



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!!

Below is the 1998 Renewal Application.

Please fill out, answer the questions, attach your check and mail to the address below.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB"
1998

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ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____
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ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)
ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)
DO YOU WANT YOUR PHONE NO. LISTED IN THE OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)
WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$10.00** per year and payable on January 1, 1998
Dues for additional family members **living at the same mailing address** are **\$5.00**

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

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