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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JULY 1998

Next meeting: 20 July 1998

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

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

Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

Summer is firing up with storms (those NWS weather classes DO pay off). A ham's healthy diet is having a blast hamming. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a fireworks display celebrating our nation's independence.

Field Day, headed up by Maury, W4HYB, was globaltastic! Thanks to Maury and the work crew! The weather (50% cooperative)...great chow...proved a fun time had by all while practicing our emergency capability with our own resources.

The Club voted to have our meetings at the NOVEC facility in Gainesville. For directions, refer to the JUNE newsletter (also inside this issue - Ed). Talk-in will be provided on the 146.97- PL100.

Come out for the July 20th meeting. Maury, W4HYB, will be wrapping up Field Day; Phil, KT3Y, will be giving an informative program on wire antennas. He is a renowned DXer using ONLY the forementioned. It is sure to be worth while.

Upcoming late/summer activities: HAM CLASSES--if interested, contact: Bill, K4WRG, or Charlie, WA4YGI. Take in a Hamfest; how about the beach? (Be sure to come back for the meetings! hihi) Sept.'s HAZMAT Drill: Erv, KT4DS, will have info on this.

73 and here to serve YOU, See you July 20 (Gainesville)

Cathy/AE4UM

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Secretary: Jeff Poulin	KF4JSV	361-5865
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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

Maurly	W4HYB	331-2159
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CLUB ROSTER

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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EDUCATION

Charlie	WA4YGI	361-3091
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CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

TBD

ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Erv	K14DS	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
Larry	KA4CTX	369-0425

GENERATORS

Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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HISTORIAN

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HOME PAGE

Frank	K3TRM	266-0852
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bob Wikfors	KF4EJC	361-8059
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NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

PICNIC

Elie	KF4NBO	
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

PUBLICITY

Ken	KM4UH	369-5287
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Q' MASTER

Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435
Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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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George	KE2AM	791-7688

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 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

Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation - 170

MINUTES OF OVH MEETING JUNE 15, 1998

Cathy/AE4UM, called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing the attendance sheet. She welcomed the 21 members present.

The previous minutes were accepted unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer - Larry/KA4CTX, notes that the Hamfest was a success and that year-end projections look positive. His monthly report was accepted without question.

Field Day - Maury/W4HYB, still needed someone to handle food and drink, and he could still use some more operators. The club call sign will be **Milt's N4SN**.

ARES - Erv/KT4DS, received a certificate of appreciation from the Red Cross for his volunteer efforts. Also, he asked for help to establish and maintain radio gear for emergency sites. He is currently working on establishing an ID to get communications personnel on site in emergencies and one that is good for the entire region, not just the county. IDs issued at previous ARES Institutes are not official. This program would cover not only Hams but **REACT**, **Jones Communications**, and any other group that can provide organized communications.

Membership - Wesley/N5RTY, and **Cheri/KB5QZJ**, **Smith** were voted into the club unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Lu/KB4EFP, spoke about places for future **OVH** meetings. The two best choices were the current room at \$12.00 per hour and the **Bull Run Library** which is free but would require changing the meeting times and would be unavailable for 2 months out of the year. **Erv/KT4DS**, moved to accept the **NOVEC** facility for the next 18 - 24 months. **Maury/W4HYB**, seconded and the proposal passed unanimously.

Cathy/AE4UM, talked about people submitting articles to the newsletter on various aspects of the radio hobby and that there will be space for those with items for sale. Also, that **Jack/N4YIC**, received a thank you note from **Matt Kraus** for the scholarship.

Jack/N4YIC, thanked everyone for their help with the **Hamfest** which was a financial success for the club. He noted that attendance was down from expectations but still exceeded **2,200** people. **Cathy** gave **Jack** a certificate of appreciation and a gift for his outstanding work on the **Hamfest**.

Harry/W4PVA, asked that anyone with items for sale on the **Thursday net** get him the information by Tuesday so he can include it with his script. Of course, people can still call in at the appropriate time on the net. **Harry** also reported that several people passed or upgraded exams at the latest **VE** session.

Lisa/KF4FJD, reported that everything sold at the **Hamfest bake sale**, which raised **\$147.00**. She asked that the Club match that and bring the amount to **\$300.00** to be donated to the **Diabetes Foundation in Tim Wayne's name**. This was seconded by **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**, and passed by acclamation.

Steve/N4OGR, inquired about making a club donation to support **Newsline**. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bill/N4WJN, proposed putting a **9600** baud port on **440 packet** which will allow, among other things, enhanced e-mail capability. **\$290.00** was budgeted but **Bill** was able to get the **TNC**, a **50 watt** radio, and a power supply for slightly more. He asked to be recompensed for his out of pocket expenses (over the **\$290.00**), which was passed.

PROGRAM

Harry/W4PVA, spoke about his personal involvement with radio through many years. His talk went from a simple receiver at his grandparents and what it took to make it usable to his experiences during **WW II**.

50-50 was won by **Cathy/AE4UM** and the spare **ARRL** Operating Manual by **John/W4ICX**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM

Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy June Birthday to John/W4GTL, Sieg/WB4LII, Jared/KQ4PA, Steve/N4OGR, Jan/KE4TMW, Jim/N3ODZ, Russell/KD4UWW, Gene/N4HFW, and Bob/KF4FJC

Happy July Birthday to John/N4YOB, George/N4IXV, Steve/KB4OF, Brenda/WD4RKH, Ken/KB4BWM, and George/KE2AM

Sad news from June, as Tim Wayne/KB4NR passed away on June 2, 1998. As mentioned in an article in last issue, Tim was a founder of OVH. Donations in Tim's memory may be made to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2481 Longview Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 or to the Diabetes Research Foundation, 120 Wall Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10035. Please keep Sylvia, Tim's wife, and their daughter and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

MARYLAND HAMFEST and COMPUTER FEST

The Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society BRATS is sponsoring the Maryland Hamfest and Computer Fest on Sunday, July 26, 1998 at the Timonium Fairgrounds, York Road off I-695, I-83. Accessible to the handicapped and kids under the age of 12 are free. For more info: e-mail brats@smart.net or visit web site at: <http://www.smart.net/~brats>.

WINCHESTER HAMFEST

The Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club presents the 48th Annual Winchester Hamfest and Computer Show on Sunday, August 2nd, 1998 at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds in Berryville, Virginia. For more info: e-mail hamfest@Vvalley.com or visit web site at: <http://www.Vvalley.com/svarc/hamfest>

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 pavillion).



Big winner

Matthew J. Krauss, a 1998 graduate of C. D. Hylton High School, accepts a \$1,000 scholarship check from Catherine A. Whalen, president of the Manassas' Amateur Radio Club — the "Ole Virginia Hams." Krauss will be attending Duke University in Durham, N. C. where he will be majoring in computer science.

Special to Manassas Journal Messenger

HAMFEST '98

We were very fortunate in that the weather favored us this year. Mostly sunny and, at times, a bit too cool perhaps, but no rain. As we had hoped, with lots of hard work and good planning stemming from many very generous OVH club members and other volunteers, once again we hosted a wonderful HAMFEST.

To be sure, our HAMFEST was certainly not the only show around; taking place on this same weekend were the Fairfax County Fair, the Occoquan Annual Arts & Crafts Show, and the Kemper Open Golf Tournament. Just a little farther up the road the Frederick Festival of the Arts was going on.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Mike Baptist, N3NVF, and the Winchester Amateur Radio Society volunteers for directing the enormous parking effort and doing it flawlessly. Thanks also to Chief Eileen Williams and the Lake Jackson Volunteer Rescue Squad who staffed the Medical Unit at the Fairgrounds, prepared to respond to any emergency medical needs. Both of these groups unselfishly sacrificed their Sunday to help us and lend an air of confidence to our HAMFEST.

Sharing the good news: All our commercial vendor tables were completely sold out again this year. The many vendors appreciated the opportunity to introduce and sell their wares. The tailgate aficionados had a great time. Of 500 tailgate tickets we had, 453 were sold. Of 3,000 general admission tickets available, we sold more than 2,200. Safe to assume we would have sold more tickets were it not for the very attractive and competing events listed above. Final figures are not available as of this writing, but from this HAMFEST we earned a profit which will enable us to meet our club's annual financial obligations, provide funding for scholarships and, perhaps, purchase new equipment as well.

I believe it important to name and thank each volunteer individually, but space here will not afford me the opportunity. Nonetheless, all you caring club members who provided so much in so many ways can and should feel very proud of your contributions. Through your extensive efforts we provided a nice, fun filled, family oriented day for a great number of amateur radio, electronics, and computer enthusiasts. Lots of friendships were made or renewed; everyone had a good time.

This annual HAMFEST is a nice thing we do for our community and now you can all sit back and enjoy the good feeling of having given your best for a wonderful cause. It was certainly my pleasure to work with all of you this year. You each have my sincere thanks and appreciation. Well done.

Jack McDermott N4YIC
Hamfest '98 Chairman

Certificate of Appreciation

awarded to

Ervin Whalen
& Amateur Radio
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Disaster Services
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1998

Chairman

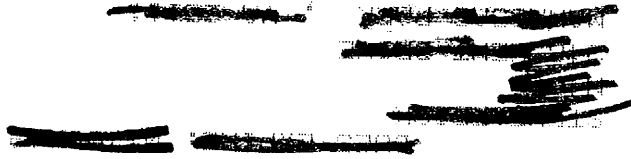
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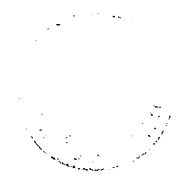
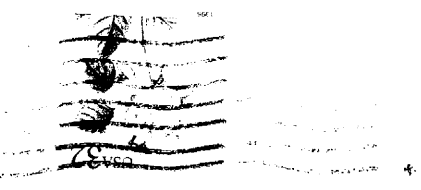
June 10, 1998



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MEETING: JULY 20TH
8:00 pm

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOP
Gainesville Technical Center
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Gainesville, Virginia

PROGRAM:
(See you all there)