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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JUNE 1998

Next meeting: 15 June 1998

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

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

Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

Summer is really rolling along with great climate. Sun spots are improving! A ham's healthy diet is June's bug "biting" us into hamming.

HAMFEST, headed up by **Jack/N4YIC**, was funtastic! A bit blustery at the fairgrounds but we staved off the rains! A BIG thank you to Jack (and all the crew) who worked to make it a success. He'll be giving us the feedback on HAMFEST 98.

With sadness, we announce a silent key: **Tim Wayne/KB4NR**, who passed on (June 2nd) after an extensive illness. He will be greatly missed by the club.

REMINDER! Our JUNE meeting will be moved* See inside for directions. If you find the old Lomond Dr. "antenna" parking lot empty on Jun. 15, it should be--see you at NOVEC Tech. Center, Gainesville! Come out for the June 15th meeting. **Maury/W4HYB**, will be covering Field Day; we will also hear a history on ham radio from **Harry/W4PVA**. It is sure to be worth while.

Upcoming spring/summer activities: June 13-- VE exams and ARES Institute; Field Day running June 27th and 28th. A weather training class (from NWS) will be offered July 11 giving hams an opportunity to participate in SKYWARN--an asset available to us.

73 and here to serve YOU, See you June 15 (Gainesville)

Cathy/AE4UM

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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	KT4DS	335-1029
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F.A.R. REP.

Alan *	KD4KBX	330-8844
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Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932
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GENERATORS

Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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HISTORIAN

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HOME PAGE

Frank	K3TRM	266-0852
Milt	N4SN	369-7265

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Bob Wikfors	KF4FJC	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

Ellie	KF4NBO	
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

PUBLICITY

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Q' MASTER

Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
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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Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932
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. We are currently looking for a new meeting site. We should have a new location by next month. This month, it will be 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 MAY 18, 1998

Cathy/AE4UM, opened the meeting at 8:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing the attendance sheet.

Before the usual business, **Jack/N4YIC**, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, awarded the annual **OVH** scholarship. The recipient was **Matthew Krauss**. This young man is graduating from C.D. Hylton HS in Woodbridge. Matthew is graduating third out of a class of over 600. He received \$1,000.00 to help when he starts at Duke University next fall. Matt thanked the club for its generosity.

Erv/KT4DS, presented Certificates of Appreciation (and bouquets of flowers) to **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**, and **Harry/W4PVA**, for their long and continual devotion to OVH. He also handed out certificates to **OVH** members who participated in the **ARES** mass casualty drill.

The previous Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were accepted without questions.

Harry/W4PVA, announced that **OVH meetings will be held at the Gainesville NOVEC Technical Center on Wellington Road** until further notice.

Cathy/AE4UM, mentioned that members should support the Thursday and Sunday nets and that **OVH** still needs an **EC** and a **FAR** representative. She also reminded people about bringing in food for the Hamfest bake sale.

Charlie/WA4YGI, announced that he has an HF amplifier for sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARES – **Erv/KT4DS**, told how the mass casualty drill was 18 months in the making; it used over 56 hams running 5 different nets; ham radio was 90% efficient and received praise from all jurisdictions. Also, there is a **Skywarn Basic I class** to be held at the **McCoart Building** on June 11, from 1 to 4 PM, which is open to everyone. On June 13, there will be an **ARES Institute**. On September 22, 10 am to 2 PM, there will be a hazardous material/terrorism drill at **RFK Stadium**.

Technical – **Alan/KD4KBX**, said the 440 repeater is down but can be reactivated for the Hamfest.

Field Day – **Maury/W4HYB**, still needs help in most positions.

Hamfest – **Jack/N4YIC**, displayed the new commercial table chart and said he expects to sell out all table space. Almost everything is in order. He reminded ticket sellers at the gates to be friendly as that is the reputation the **OVH** has with long-time attendees.

After the break, Cathy read in the names of **Wesley/N5RTY**, and **Cheri Smith/KB5QZJ**, for membership.

Harry mentioned that the **next exam** will be held on June 13 at room 236 in the **new Northern Virginia Community College building on Rt. 234**.

50-50 was won by **Erv/KT4DS**, for the first time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

**Directions to OVH June 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).

Don't forget the talk-in freq: 146.97- pl100Hz

FIELD DAY 1998!!!!!!!!!!

Field Day for 1998 happens 27-28 June!!!!!!!!!! Lot's of things happens in the month of June. One of the best training exercises for portable field operations using non-permanent setups is Field Day. With the recent upswing in participation in ARES within the club, let's try and make this a good showing of what the club can come up with.

SILENT KEY -- "TIM WAYNE"/KB4NR

Died: Tuesday, June 2nd. 1998

The Ole Virginia Hams regret the passing of one of its longest and most active members. Tim was very instrumental in the actual forming of the Ole Virginia Hams and remained one of its most visible and participating members.

Everyone knew him because of the many committees that he either served on or volunteered to head. The Repeater was his favorite and most time consuming project. In fact, the original OVH repeater belonged to him and was lent to the club just so they could get "on the air". He personally maintained and serviced it for many years. He was a past President and was on the nominating committee to help search for the new officers every year. He was active in the very First Hamfest that OVH put on - in fact, he and a few others used their own money to finance it. It's continued success over the years is largely due to his continued "good will" within the ham communities all over northern Virginia. Tim helped establish the Scholarship Committee and served on it every year since its beginning, until this year when his health prevented his participation.

Even as his health became poor, he still attended meetings and functions and tried to help out whenever and wherever he could, being a perpetual "Elmer." He was always willing to assist a fellow ham with a radio, repeater or computer problem. He actually enjoyed the challenge of trying to solve a technical problem involving any type of electronics.

Tim will be missed by all his friends in OVH and by everyone who knew him!

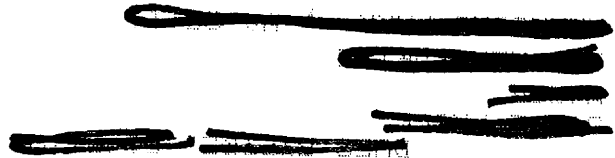
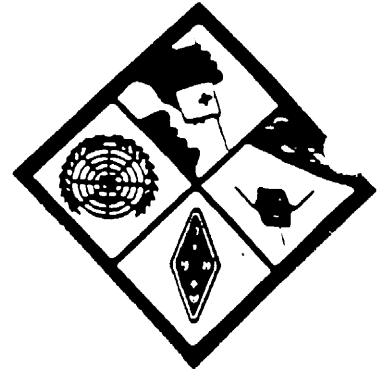
ORIGIN OF "HAM"

Have you ever wondered why we radio amateurs are called HAMS?

Well, it goes something like this: The word ham was applied in 1908 and was the call letters of one of the first amateur wireless stations operated by some of the members of the Harvard Radio Club. They were Albert Hymen, Bob Almy and Peggie Murray. At first they called their station Hyman-Almy-Murray. Tapping out such a long name in code soon called for a revision, and they changed it to Hy-Al-Mu, using the first two letters of each name. In early 1909 some confusion resulted between signals from HYALMU and a Mexican ship named Myalmo, so they decided to use only the first letter of each name and identified their station as HAM. In the early pioneer and unregulated days of radio, amateur operators picked their own frequencies and call letters.

Then, as now, some amateurs had better signals than some commercial stations. The resulting interference finally came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington, DC and they gave much thought to proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur activity. In 1911, Albert Hyman chose the controversial Wireless Regulations Bill as the topic of his thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator David Walsh, a member of the committee hearing the Bill. The Senator was so impressed that he sent for Mr. Hyman to appear before the committee. Hyman was put on the stand and described how the little amateur station, HAM, was built, and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the bill went through, they would have to close up the station because they could not afford the license fees and other requirements which were set up in the bill. The debate started and the little station HAM became a symbol of all the little amateur stations in the country that were crying out to be saved from the menace and greed of the big commercial stations who did not want them around. Finally the Bill got to the floor of Congress and every speaker talked about the poor little station, HAM.

That's how it all got started. You can find the whole story in the Congressional Record. Nationwide publicity identified the station HAM with amateurs. From that time to this, and probably till the end of time, in radio, "Every amateur is a HAM"....



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NOTICE: NEW MEETING PLACE

JUNE 15TH, 1998
8:00 PM

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOP
Gainesville Technical Center
5399 Wellington Road
Gainesville, VA

LAST MEETING BEFORE FIELD DAY
SEE YOU THERE!!!