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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

MARCH 1998

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

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

Message From the President

Greetings OVH:

Welcome to the 98/99 "Club New Year!" A ham's healthy diet is ragchewing.

A BIG thank you to all '97 club officers. In addition, **Steve/KB4OF**, newsletter editor, **Jack/N4YIC**, Hamfest chairman, both doing a repeat job for the club. **Maury/W4HYB** has agreed to be 1998 Field Day chairman. Also, our numerous committee members are highly appreciated, many having given their time and talent over a number of years.

March will be the last month for renewal reminders of club dues.

Bill/N4WJN has asked for help on the packet committee, so someone please assist in this matter.
Charlie/WA4YGI, is willing to teach code again, if a theory instructor will come forward.

Come out for the March 16 meeting. **John/KF4KKI** will be giving a program on *Incident Command System*. It is sure to be worth your while to attend.

Upcoming spring/early summer activities include: Nissan ARES drill on April 25, Nokesville bike ride, with June containing VE exams, Hamfest and Field Day. These dates will be announced/posted.

73 and here to serve YOU, See you Mar 16

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

Maury	W4HYB	331-2159
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CLUB ROSTER

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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EDUCATION

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Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Larry	KA4CTX	369-0425
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	791-2932

GENERATORS

Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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HOME PAGE

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Milt	N4SN	369-7265

NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLINE

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PACKET

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Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

PICNIC

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM

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PUBLICITY

Ken	KM4UH	369-5287
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Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435
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Tim	KB4NR	494-2737
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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REPEATER TRUSTEE

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SCHOLARSHIP

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SUNSHINE

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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 FEBRUARY 16, 1998

Rick/KU3M opened the meeting at 8:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call, and signing the attendance sheet. There were 20 members and 2 guests present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer – Jim/WA2QEJ, read the monthly statement, which was accepted without questions.

Hamfest – Jack/N4YIC, made available flyers and assignment sheets. He also stressed the importance of passing out information and promoting the Hamfest with local businesses. He is considering establishing a "test" table with a 12V-power supply and HF antenna and tuner.

Field Day - Don Flora (no call sign) volunteered as chairman and offered the use of his land for Field Day.

Technical – Art/KX4AW, announced that the 440-repeater would be taken down in about 2 weeks. The 220 machine will follow, then the 2-meter repeater. Each machine will be operational before the next one is taken down.

Packet – Bill/W4WJN, submitted a written list of needed replacement gear, upgrades and their associated costs. He is coordinating with other groups to establish packet e-mail through a wider array of nodes. Bill also wants to increase interest in packet operation on 2 meters and 6 and 10 meters as well.

Membership – Lisa/KF4FJD, read in the applications for **Brian Fowler/KF4VTS**, and Robert Hornby.

ARES – Erv/KT4DS, gave an extensive presentation that is detailed elsewhere in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Ballots for OVH officers were distributed to the attendees and were tallied during the break. There were no write-in candidates. The new Officers are:

President - Cathy Whalen/AE4UM
Vice President - Charlie Dale/WA4YGI
Treasurer - Larry Whitney/KA4CTX
Secretary - Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV

All were elected unanimously.

50-50 was won by **Harry/W4PVA**.
The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to: N4AZC (Henry), K3TRM (Frank), KE4VOQ (Nicholas), KC4ZPM (Matthew), KJ4U (Charles), WA4EJY (Mike), KF4KKI (John), KF4KVJ (Jason), KD4UNV (Frances), KF4JSV (Jeffrey), KT4CB (Jon), WB4HHN (Russell), KE4LYN (Scott), and KE4TMU (Rita).

Congratulations to K3TRM (Frank) who upgraded to Tech Plus, spectacularly, we hear!

Congratulations also to KD4KBX (Alan) and XYL Zanka on the birth of their first harmonic, Larissa Marianna, on Friday, 20 February 1998!
Larissa was born at 3:45 pm, was 20" long, and weighed 6 lbs 13 oz.

73s de KE4TMW (Jan)

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR CLUB HATS

Another order is being gathered for OVH hats. There are about 7 more of the medium blue hats available, with the OVH logo in red and your callsign in white.

The hats cost \$10.00 each, and you may pay N4OGR (Steve) by check or cash. Send payment to 246 Kent Drive, Manassas, VA 20111-2052, or bring it to the March meeting.

THIS ORDER WILL BE PLACED APRIL 1ST! (So that Merlin may bring the completed hats to our HamFest!)

If you have questions, send me a message on packet through the OVH node on port 3, or send email to jansteve@erols.com, or call 361-0008.

73 de Steve/N4OGR, the "OGER"

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage at
<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=VA>)

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)

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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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ARES/RACES by Erv / KT4DS

Madam Prez er, ah, ah politely advised me that I have been in remiss about the **ARES/RACES** column and **Jeff/KF4JSV** asked me to write up whatever it was that I presented at the Feb. meeting. Therefore

I have finally made contact with **PRWM Office of Emergency Services (OES)** and I will reiterate several interesting points. The County has very, very limited resources, which results in outside agencies actually doing the emerg. operations. The County EC's determine the assets needed, notifies the agencies and then are no longer directly involved with the incident. The County does not call up amateur radio because by the time we could respond, the county would not need our services. This means that our activations will mostly come from served agencies. As time progresses, I plan on establishing the appropriated contacts.

The County has three main areas that they would like to see amateur radio deeply involved. 1) The rapid damage assessment program. The County form was printed in the newsletter sometime last year (please advise me if I need to publish it again). They do not want every ham to call 911 for reports so we need to activate some sort of net. This assessment is an initial report such that emergency services can be activated and have an idea of the size of the disaster before the official reports (i.e. by the **Red Cross**) are issued. 2) High participation in the **SKYWARN** program. The NWS broadcasts are very important to them, there seems to be a hole in following a storm through PRWM. 3) They are very interested in getting volunteer radio operators to help with EOC communications during high traffic periods. More on this later.

The County has also expressed interest in a complete amateur radio station up to and including a repeater at the EOC and in having amateur radio incorporated in the Police Communications van. Maybe we can work on these as time goes by.

Current events: The Northern VA EMS Council is sponsoring a mass casualty exercise on Sat April 25. The Nissan Pavillion, at full capacity will have a fire topped off with a sniper. **All VA ARES Dist. 2 will be involved.** 65 victims will be transported to various area hospitals. We have been asked to support 5/6 hospitals, about 10 shadows for EMS council members and 5 or so busses transporting victims. I was also advised that if I found other places to use hams - please do so. Therefore, I have asked **WWI** to activate their Communications bus and will try to set up an HF net on **3947 kHz** to simulate comms with Richmond EOC.

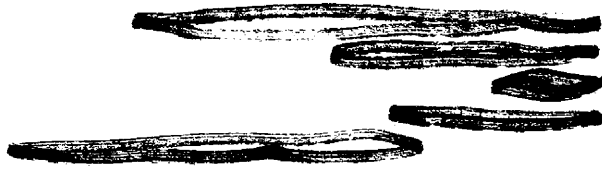
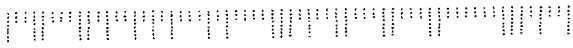
ODEN Net: 1830 local, 16 Mar on 3947 kHz

Someday: A NWS Basic I spotters class for all Prince William County.

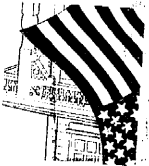
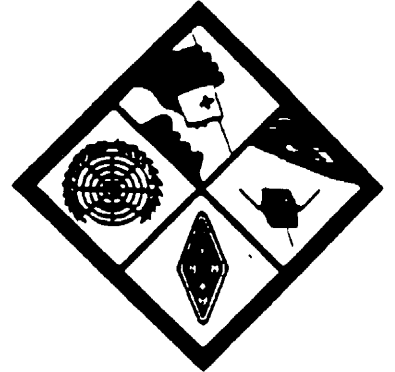
Maybe: A Prince William County ARES net.

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If there are any changes to the email addresses above, please notify Blaine, KB4RKL. We would also be interested to know how many of you would prefer getting the newsletter via email??? It would save the club something on postage. Drop a note to Blaine or Mary Lu, KB4EFP and tell us what you think.



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