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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

MAY 1998

**Next meeting: 18 May 1998
NOVEC Basement Meeting Room**

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

Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

Hoping this merry month finds everybody in good humor. A ham's healthy diet is erecting a maypole. If anyone has either their own or access to equipment (ie. overhead or 35mm slide projectors, etc.) for required club program use, contact Erv, KT4DS. This would be appreciated and on a one-night loan basis.

A lot of dedication along with just plain fun are put into our club nets: Harry's (W4PVA) on Thurs. night, plus Lisa's (KF4FJD) on Sun. night-- each at 8pm. We need to support those that "give something back."

Come out for the May 18th meeting. This will be a special awards night honoring a scholarship recipient from a local high school. Also Jack, N4YIC, will address Hamfest. It is sure to be worth your while to attend.

The SB480* passed because we participate in both public service and community events, so SIGN UP! for as follows:

Upcoming spring/summer activities include: June containing Hamfest (7th with set up the 6th), VE exams (the 13th), and Field Day running the 27th and 28th. A weather training class (from NWS) will be offered which gives hams an opportunity to participate in SKYWARN. We should take full advantage of these educational assets offered to us.

73 and here to serve YOU, See you May 18 AE4UM, Cathy

*more on this inside.

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OFFICERS

President: Cathy Whalen	AE4UM	335-1029
Vice Pres: Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091
Secretary: Jeff Poulin	KF4JSV	361-5865
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Bob McCann	N4RL	361-7335
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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

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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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	KF4FJC	361-8059
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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

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

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
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
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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 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

APRIL 20, 1998

Cathy/AE4UM, opened the meeting at 8:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. There were 19 members and 4 guests present. She welcomed everyone and introduced the evening's guest speaker, **John Kanode/N4MM**, the ARRL Director of the Roanoke Division.

John spoke about changes in the ARRL and upcoming events. The new leadership is evincing greater interest in rules enforcement and are going to start building new case files to that end. On licensing changes: the feedback from the last member survey was tremendously varied and didn't provide much direction; there is the possibility that the Novice class license may be eliminated because so few people go for only that class. **FCC**: it plans to eliminate many forms, ending up with just **Forms 601** and **605**; the cost of a vanity callsign application will drop to \$12.90. He thanked everyone who helped pass **SB480**. The many e-mails, calls, and letters overcame intense lobbying by the counties and municipalities. He then took questions from the floor.

Following John's talk, the previous minutes and Treasurer's report were approved unanimously. Cathy announced that OVH might sometimes need to borrow a 35mm projector or an overhead for programs. Also, the club needs a FAR Representative and an Emergency Coordinator. She thanked **Butch/W4HJL**, for the use of an HT to support packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical - The 440 repeater is back up temporarily but is not in final shape. Also, **George Tarnovsky/KE2AM**, has volunteered to join the Technical Committee.

Hamfest - **Jack/N4YIC**, has lined up a new vendor, just signed the contract for police coverage, and has developed a new table chart.

Scholarship - **Jack/N4YIC**, sent out the information packets to the schools and confirmed that with the appropriate officials. The scholarship presentation will be at the May meeting, Hopefully with press coverage.

Field Day - **Maury/W4HYB**, is looking for people to sign up for various functions for Field Day on June 27 and 28.

ARES - **Erv/KT4DS**, said the Mass Casualty Drill has become a statewide showcase for hams in emergency services. He mentioned that he hopes to activate an HF net using traffic control people to check in around the entire state.

Harry/W4PVA spoke briefly about S480. RACES officers attribute its success, in part, to the good will hams have created in the past with emergency and community activity support and how that effort needs to continue.

OLD BUSINESS

A question was raised about where the OVH will meet when we lose use of the **NOVEC** facility after August. Cathy replied that the alternatives are being investigated but no decision has been reached yet.

50-50 was won by **Larry/KA4CTX**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV
Recording Secretary

ARES/RACES
provided by Erv/KT4DS

From: Frank Mackey - VA SEC/State RACES Officer
To: All Amateurs
Subject: SB-480 Signed by the Governor (in Part)

..... We should all give a big THANK YOU to Bob Ham, KK4IY, who spearheaded this enormous battle to give amateur radio reasonable footing within the local communities.

I think that this should also be a reminder that one of the primary justifications for the amateur radio service is to provide emergency and public service communications. This Bill passed the Virginia legislature and was signed by the Governor because we provide emergency communications within the Commonwealth. Only a small percentage of active hams are involved in this type of communications. But without those hams justifying our cause there would be no rag chewing, Dxing, contesting or the many other facets of our hobby.

Get out there and volunteer to assist with public service, become a Skywarn observer, do something to help justify the existence of amateur radio.

73 and Thank You
Frank Mackey - K4EC

SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to our fellow hams -- Blaine/KB4RKL, Bill/WA4FIC, Craig/N4WUV, William/K4WRG, Bill/WB4KFU, Fred/KD4IIX, Angela/KC4OYD, Bob/N4RL, Jack/N4YIC, Ivan/KT4DZ, Craig/WA3UFY, Tim/KB4NR, and Mark/KF4PIW.

Please continue to keep Tim Wayne/KB4NR, in your thoughts and prayers, as his health is not well.

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

NEW VIRUS?

Heads-up! In response to one of yesterday's articles which read "a computer virus cannot exist in an e-mail text message, nor can one be spread simply by reading an e-mail message", read Chip Seymour over at The MITRE Corporation (cseymour@mitre.org) provides an update.

"The rules appear to be changing, thanks mostly to new, more user-friendly software. Here is an excerpt from the RISKS Digest, Vol 19, No 67, written by A. Padgett Peterson:

Suffice it to say that for years we have been able to tell users that "you cannot get a virus just by opening E-Mail". Well, that bug is being fixed. It seems that with the default installation of the just-released mail-reader product coupled with the 98 version of the operating system (at least the current beta which contains a necessary ..DLL), all of the factors needed to accomplish the above are present. In fact, in recent days I have been able to drop an executable file both on c:\ and into the startup directory just by opening the mail reader ("preview", which includes script execution for some reason, is a default feature). I found it remarkably simple to drop an executable file on the hard disk that executed on the next boot. Times are about to become "interesting". Just when you think you're getting to know the rules."

Provided by Art/KX4AW

ARLB030: LMCC petition opposed

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QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 30 ARLB030
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT May 7, 1998
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB030
ARLB030 LMCC petition opposed

The ARRL is organizing opposition to a new threat to the 70-cm Amateur Radio band. The Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) has asked the FCC to immediately reallocate 420 to 430 MHz and 440 to 450 MHz from the federal government to the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS) on a primary basis. Amateur Radio now enjoys the use of 420 to 450 MHz on a secondary basis, and the 430 to 440 Mhz segment is an international allocation. The 70-cm band is the second most popular of the hobby's VHF/UHF allocations, with substantial FM repeater and other operation in the 440 to 450 MHz segment and a variety of uses in the 420 to 430 MHz segment.

The LMCC request, based on "additional spectrum needs of the PMRS community," acknowledges Amateur Radio's use of 420 to 430 and 440 to 450 MHz, and suggests that ham radio applications can remain secondary to PMRS in those segments, but offers no explanation of how sharing could be accomplished. The LMCC says it believes the 430 to 440 MHz subband "is more important to the amateurs for use in emerging technologies such as links with spacecraft and amateur television applications."

The petition also suggests that equipment availability and technology resulting from an expanded PMRS presence on 70 cm would benefit hams "pursuing such applications as compressed video television in the 430-440 MHz band." The LMCC concedes, however, that its "most urgent need" for PMRS is voice and low-speed data applications, not advanced technologies which might come later on.

The petition also notes that PMRS already uses 420 to 430 MHz in three Canadian border cities (Buffalo, Cleveland and Detroit) and a "reduction in military use of this band is foreseen."

The LMCC also seeks allocations at 1390 to 1400 MHz, 1427-1432 Mhz, and 1670 to 1675 MHz as well as 85 MHz at 960 to 1215 MHz by 2010.

Comments are due on the LMCC's Petition for Rulemaking, RM-9267, by June 1. Reply comments are due by June 15.

ARRL Exams

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07-May-1998

Sponsor: FAUQUIER ARA
Time: 7:15 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: NEIL SPOKES
(540)364-3861
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: CRESTAR BANK
WARRENTON CENTER
JNCT RTE 17 & 29 BUS
WARRENTON, VA 22186

09-May-1998

Sponsor: DULLES ARG
Time: 08:45AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: MICHAEL WEBER
(703)450-2304
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: GALILEE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
20600 BROAD RUN DR
STERLING, VA 20165

10-May-1998

Sponsor: WINCHESTER ARS
Time: 02:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GREGORY W LANHAM KU4AN
(540)722-4792
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: LORD FAIRFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
US ROUTE 11
MIDDLETOWN, VA 22649

June 13-1998

Sponsor: OLE VIRGINIA HAMS ARC
Time: 09:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HARRY VORHAUER W4PVA
(703)368-6050
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: NO. VA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ROOM #236
SUDLEY ROAD (RTE.234)
MANASSAS, VA 20109

14-Jun-1998

Sponsor: WINCHESTER ARS
Time: 02:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GREGORY W LANHAM KU4AN
(540)722-4792
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: LORD FAIRFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
US ROUTE 11
MIDDLETOWN, VA 22649

20-Jun-1998

Sponsor: MASSANUTTEN ARA
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DONNIE P MOWBRAY
(540)289-5580
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: MASSANUTTEN VOC TECH CENTER
PLEASANT VALLEY RD
EAST BUILDING, RM 2
HARRISONBURG, VA 22801

AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNAS IN VIRGINIA

Virginia's Governor Gilmore signed S480 on April 16, 1998 and the bill goes into effect on July 1, 1998. This bill is good news for all Amateur Radio operators in Virginia. A copy of is attached for inclusion in our OVH Newsletter.

Cheers & 73
Jack/N4YIC.

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2293.1, relating to placement of amateur radio antennas.

[S 480]

Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2293.1 as follows:

Placement of amateur radio antennas.

Any ordinance involving the placement, screening or height of antennas shall reasonably accommodate amateur radio antennas and shall impose the minimum regulation necessary to accomplish the locality's legitimate purpose. In localities having a population density of 120 persons or less per square mile according to the 1990 United States census, no local ordinance shall (ia) restrict amateur radio antenna height to less than 200 feet above ground level as permitted by the Federal Communication Commission or (iia) restrict the number of support structures. In localities having a population density of more than 120 persons per square mile according to the 1990 United States census, no local ordinance shall (ib) restrict amateur radio antenna height to less than 75 feet above ground level or (iib) restrict the number of support structures. Reasonable and customary engineering practices shall be followed in the erection of amateur radio antennas. This section shall not preclude any locality, by ordinance, from regulating amateur radio antennas with regard to reasonable requirements relating to the use of screening, setback, placement, and health and safety requirements.

General Assembly



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MANASSAS HAMFEST

“Always the First Sunday in June”

AMATEUR RADIO, ELECTRONICS & COMPUTER SHOW

(ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST)

Presented By

THE OLE VIRGINIA HAMS A.R.C., INC.

(A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of amateur radio)

SUNDAY - JUNE 7, 1998

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

½ MILE SOUTH OF MANASSAS, VA ON ROUTE 234

TALK-IN ON 146.97 - & 224.660 -

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

2 Buildings with Electricity
140 8-foot tables
Setup 2 PM till 8 PM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$5.00 per person at gate
No advance sale
Gates open at 8:00 AM
Free Parking

TAILGATING

\$5.00 per space (plus admission)
Gates open at 7:00 AM
Ample Room-25 acres
Setup 2 PM till 11 PM Saturday

PRIZES

- * Hourly prizes beginning at 10 AM for those present
- * Door prizes of major radio equipment will be awarded at 3:00 PM
- * Tailgating prize will be awarded at 3:00 PM

(You do not have to be present to win the major prizes.)

INFORMATION

- * ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- * 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- * DXCC QSL Card Checkers will be available
- * “Virginia QSO Party” award ceremony
- * Food vendors must have prior written approval from Hamfest Chairman

HAMFEST DETAILS on our Web Page <http://www.qslnet/olevahams>

Dealer Information:

Jack (N4YIC) 703-335-9139
email: patnjack@erols.com

General Information:

Mary Lu (KB4EFP) 703-369-2877
email: mblasd1638@aol.com

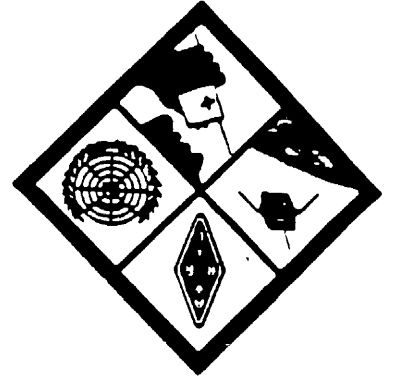
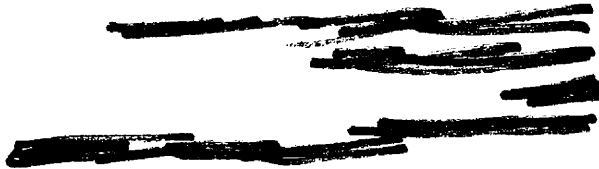
HAMFEST 1998

The individuals listed below have generously offered their time and efforts towards a successful and rewarding Ole Virginia Hams 1998 HAMFEST.

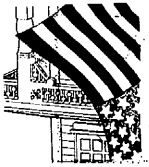
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Jim McKinley Jack McDermott	WD4OJY N4YIC	369-3940 335-9139	Commercial Vendors " "
Butch Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877	Lions Club, Police, Tables, etc.
Mary Lu Blasdell	KB4EFP	369-2877	Correspondence, Records, Logistics
Pete Steketee	KB4RME	369-2436	Legal Matters, etc.
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Larry Whitney Mike Hawley	KA4CTX KC4IRL	369-0425 335-1550	Finances & Gate Money Collecting
Ken Moan	KM4UH	369-5287	Advertising, Etc.
Gerald "Doc" Francer +	W1IMX	391-0551	Tailgate
Steve Frick + Jan Frick	N4OGR KE4TMY	361-0008 361-0008	Tailgate Parking " "
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Jim Lascaris +	WA2QEJ	791-2932	PA System
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Larry Whitney +	KA4CTX	369-0425	Front Gate
Ellie Wikfors Bob Wikfors Lisa Wikfors	KF4NBO KF4FJC KF4FJD	361-8059 361-8059 361-8059	Ladies Program " " " "
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NOTICE: MAY 18TH

**LAST MEETING AT
NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOP**

New Meeting Place Announced Soon

OVH SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING --- MAY 18TH!!!

**LAST MEETING BEFORE "HAMFEST"
SEE YOU THERE !!!!**