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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

OCTOBER 1998

**Next meeting: 19 October 1998**

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

## Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

With a little nip in the air, it leaves more time for our hobby with summer gone. The manifold scope of ham radio is what makes it so great: we can all find a niche. A ham's healthy diet is raking in the contest points.

You get it on the nets! In the event that a performance is going on at Nissan during our meeting night, both club nets do announce such occurrence. Be sure to tune in on Thurs/Sun nights (8 o'clock) for all pertinent info. Thanks Lisa/KF4FJD and Harry/W4PVA from Jeff's/KF4JSV suggestion. Progress is seeing new faces at the meetings; a nicety is seeing old ones (Elmers), but Totaltastic is .....

Everybody coming out for the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dan/KC4OCG, will be giving a presentation on SKYWARN, an affiliated program of NWS—the National Weather Service. We are fortunate to have this bureau right in our own backyards with its state-of-the-art-forecast office!

Upcoming fall/winter activities: Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) at Urbana Swim Club on Saturday, Oct. 17. Contact: Jack/N4YIC. 05 Dec.—Manassas Christmas Parade faithfully led by Art/KW4AW, annually. Also on Dec. 5: ARE~~5~~ Institute, see Erv/KT4DS.

73 and here to serve YOU. See you October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cathy/AE4UM

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The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, 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

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## MINUTES OF OVH MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 1998

The meeting opened at 8PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. **Cathy/AE4UM**, welcomed the 12 members and 4 guests. The previous minutes and Treasurer's report were approved unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Field Day** – **Milt/N4SN**, reported that the club had a total of 413 QSOs involving 48 states, 7 Canadian provinces, and Puerto Rico, on 40 and 20 meters CW and 40, 20, 10, and 6 meters SSB.

**Picnic** - **Mary Lu/KB4EFP**, reported that there were 40 people at the picnic held at her home and that everyone enjoyed the chance to socialize off the air.

**Bike Ride** – **Harry/W4PVA**, recounted the accident during the event and how ham radio showed its value in emergencies.

**Technical** – **Art/KW4AW**, said the 440 and 220 machines are undergoing maintenance and that the 2 meter repeater will shortly be brought down to install the new controller.

**ARES** – **Erv/KT4DS**, reported that the phone support effort at Fairfax Hospital went very well but they could have used a few more hams than the 50 who mustered for the event. Fairfax County officials were very impressed by what hams can do in emergencies. Also, the Council of Governments wants to coordinate emergency communications among all member counties and this would definitely include amateur radio.

**Packet** – **Bill/N4WJN**, said one of the 220 rigs is in for repairs and the 9600 baud port is working well.

**Membership** - **Paul Fleming** was voted in to the club.

### PROGRAM

**Dick Maylott/W2YE**, manager of the **Section 4 QSL Bureau** gave a talk on how the bureau works and how hams can make use of it. But before the talk, he presented **Jack/N4YIC**, with a **Certificate of Appreciation**, on behalf of the entire **OVH**, for allowing the Sterling club to participate in our annual Hamfest

Dick calls QSL cards the "final courtesy" of a contact. Exchanging cards is fun in itself and they are necessary to prove qualification for various awards like **DXCC**. Briefly, the QSL Bureau allows hams to send out cards to a domestic source which makes the price as low as possible. These cards are then sent to the corresponding bureaus in other countries. Hams overseas can do the same thing to get their cards to Americans. The bureau method is slow but it avoids many of the problems of postage, currency exchanging, etc. It also permits cards to be sent out at the lowest cost. Dick mentioned that the May 1998 issue of **QST**, page 61, and May 1997 **CQ** magazine had good overviews of the QSL Bureau.

(I plan to submit the detailed information Dick handed out at the meeting for future issues of the OVH newsletter.)

### NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that **Larry/KA4CTX**, is the new club **Emergency Coordinator**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24PM.

**Jeff Poulin/KF4JSV**  
Recording Secretary

## SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy Birthday to: Keith/KM4AA, Matt/KD4VNH, Bob/K0WYL, Mike/N4FS, Doc/W1IMX, Ruth/KF4YYC, John/W4ICX, Jay/NS5N, Al/W4ALP, Bob/KF4FJE, Tommy/KA4AFU, and Erv/KT4DS

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

### THANKS OVH!

To: Larry (KA4CTX) and all Radio Club Members.

I just wanted to express my sincere thanks for all your efforts at the recent bike tour (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>). You have always provided us with a great service, but your presence was definitely felt and appreciated during the last bike tour. I enjoy working with you and your club and look forward to future events.

Thanks Again!

Lisa Herr, Prince William Park Authority

### VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage and borrowed from FARA Toroid)

BRING TO THE EXAM:

1. Picture identification (Minors bring parent with picture ID)
2. Completed FCC Form 610 (most VE Teams will supply at exam)
3. Original and copy of current FCC amateur radio license
4. Originals and copies of all active certificates of successful completion of prior exams
5. Exam fee (\$6.25)

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#### **17-Oct-1998**

Sponsor: FREDERICKSBURG VE TEAM

Time: 09:30AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CAROLYN, AC4SK, (540)373-7076

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: SALEM CHURCH LIBRARY

2607 SALEM CHURCH ROAD,

FREDRICKSBURG, VA 22407

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Sponsor: LARC-3 VEC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JOHN CREEL (301)572-5124

VEC: Laurel VEC

Location: THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAUREL

384 MAIN ST, LAUREL, MD 20707

#### **08-Nov-1998**

Sponsor: WINCHESTER ARS

Time: 02:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: GREGORY, KU4AN (540)722-4792

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: LORD FAIRFAX COMM COLLEGE

US ROUTE 11, MIDDLETOWN, VA 22645

## UPCOMING HAMFESTS

(Retrieved from the ARRL Home and borrowed from FARA Toroid)

#### **October 17**

Susquehanna Valley ARC, Lewisburg, PA

Bob Stahl, WY3M

452 Fourth St., Northumberland, PA 17857

717-473-3228

E-mail: [wy3m@amsat.org](mailto:wy3m@amsat.org)

<http://loveland.dynip.com/svarc>

#### **October 25**

Penn-Mar RC & Carroll County ARC,

Westminster, MD

George Johns, N3JKY

291 Hoff Rd., RD #3, Spring Grove, PA 17362

717-633-6641

E-mail: [gjohns@sun-link.com](mailto:gjohns@sun-link.com)

<http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn>

#### **October 17**

Hanover Area Hamming Assn., Pleasant Hill, PA

Wayne Leister, N3MTR

PO Box 1507, Westminster, MD 21158

410-857-0989

## ARRL CONTEST NOTES

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage and borrowed from FARA Toroid)

**17-18-Oct-1998:**

**JARTS WW RTTY Contest**, sponsored by JARTS, 0000Z Oct 17 to 2400Z Oct 18, RTTY only, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10. Single op, Multi op, SWL. Work stations once per band, exchange RST and age, multi op must send 99 as the age. Count 2 pts for QSO's within your continent, 3 pts per QSO outside of your continent. Multipliers are DXCC countries excluding JA, W, VE and VK. JA, W, VE and VK call area's are multipliers. Count multipliers once per band. Do not count your own call area or country as a multiplier. Score is QSO points x total multipliers. Awards. Use separate logs sheets for each band. Send logs by Dec 31, 1998 to JARTS Contest Manager, Hiroshi Aihara, JH1BIH, 1-29 honcho, 4 Shiki Saitama 353, Japan.

**QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, CW**, sponsored by QRP ARCI, 1200Z Oct 17 until 2400Z Oct 18. Single band, all band, high (20 15 10 6) or low (160 80 40) band. Operate no more than 24 hours. Work stations once per band. Exchange RST, state/province/DXCC country, and ARCI number (if nonmember, send power output). Score 5 pts/QSO w/members, 2 pts/QSO w/nonmembers on same continent and 4 pts/QSO w/nonmembers on different continents. Final score is QSO points x states/provinces/DXCC countries x power multiplier (> 5W, x1; <5 W, x7; <1 W, x10; <250 mW, x 15). Send entry to Cam Hartford, N6GA, 1959 Bridgeport Ave, Claremont CA 91711, or e-mail to camqrp@cyberg8t.com. On the Web see <http://www.qrparci.org/>.

**Illinois QSO Party**, sponsored by the Radio Amateur Megacycle Society, 1800Z Oct 18 until 0200Z Oct 19. Phone and CW. No repeater QSOs, 160 through 2 meters, excluding 30, 17 and 12 meters. IL stations exchange RS(T) and county; others exchange RS(T) and state/province/ DXCC country. Count 1 pt/QSO on phone, 2 pts/QSO on CW. Work stations once per band and mode, and once per band/mode/county for IL mobile stations. All parties which embark with a mobile must use the mobile's call exclusively for the duration of the contest. Contacts with/by mobile stations on border of two counties count as two counties and two QSOs. IL stations multiply QSO total by sum of states, IL counties, VE provinces plus a maximum of five DXCC countries. Count additional DX for points, but not multipliers. Others multiply QSO points by the number of IL counties worked. All stations may take one bonus multiplier for each eight QSOs with the same IL county. Awards. Send entries by Nov 16 to RAMS, c/o John Matz KB9II, 7079 West Ave, Hanover Park, IL 60103; <http://www.megsinet.net/~jematz/ilqso98.html>.

**RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest CW.**

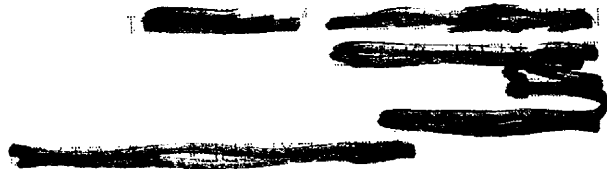
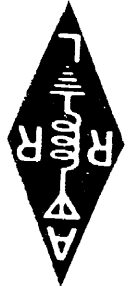
**YLRL YL Anniversary Contest, phone**, 1400Z Wednesday, Oct 21 to 0200Z Friday, Oct 23.

**24-25-Oct-1998:**

**CQ WW DX Contest, phone**, sponsored by CQ Magazine, 0000Z Oct 24 until 2400Z Oct 25 (CW is 0000Z Nov 29 to 2400Z Nov 30). Exchange R(T) and CQ zone. Classes: Single operator all band/single band/assisted, high power/low power (<100 W)/QRP (<5 W); multi single, multi multi. Multi-singles have a 10-minute rule. All classes may only have one transmitted signal per band. Work stations once per band. Team and club competition. North American stations score 2 pts/QSO w/ stations in different countries on the same continent and 3 pts/QSO w/stations on different continents; stations in the same country may be worked for zone credit, but no points. Multipliers are CQ Zones and countries (DXCC +WAE). Final score is QSO points x multipliers. Awards. Send logs by Dec 1 (Jan 15 for CW) to CQ Magazine 25 Newbridge Rd, Hicksville, NY 11801; e-mail [ssb@cqww.com](mailto:ssb@cqww.com); [cw@cqww.com](mailto:cw@cqww.com). On the Web see <http://cqww.com/cqww/>.

**31-Oct-1998:**

**BARTG RTTY Sprint**, sponsored by BARTG, 1200Z Oct 31 to 1200Z Nov 1, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10. Single op expert. Single op, Multi op, SWL. Exchange serial number starting at 001. One point per QSO. Multipliers are DXCC countries including JA, W, VE and VK, also JA, W, VE and VK call areas count as multipliers. Count multipliers once regardless of band. Score is total QSOs x multipliers x continents (max 6). Use separate log for each band. Send logs by Dec 31, 1998 to John Barber, GW4SKA, PO Box 611, Cardiff, CF2 4UN, Wales, United Kingdom. E-mail [ská@bartg.demon.com.uk](mailto:ská@bartg.demon.com.uk).



FIRST CLASS MAIL



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**MEETING: OCTOBER 19TH**

**8:00 PM**

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOP**  
**Gainesville Technical Center**  
**5399 Wellington Road**  
**Gainesville, Virginia**

**PROGRAM: Presentation on "SKYWARN"**  
**(National Weather Service)**  
**GUEST: Dan, KC4OCG**

**Reminder: Jamboree On The Air - JOTA 1998 - Oct. 17th**  
**URBANNA SWIM CLUB - Urbanna Road, Manassas, VA**