

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

APRIL 1999

**Next meeting: 19 April 1999**  
**Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for the**  
**Newsletter!!!**  
(Editor)

## Message From the President

**Greetings OVH;**

Things are popping up (green--earthscape) everywhere including sunspots, as Spring advances on us. A ham's healthy diet: hamming & eggs.

Boy, is that **repeater purring**--it sounds great! THANK YOU Art, and crews for the fantastic results.

**Field Day** will be co-chaired by Bill/N4WJN, and Wes/N5RTY. Thanks guys, for taking on this challenge for OVH at breezy Long Park.

Jack/N4YIC is rounding up the crew for **HAMFEST '99**, and as always, on the ball. There is something for everyone in this endeavor for the club.

Please note the **PWC Spring Bike Tour HAS BEEN CANCELLED** (which the club normally supports semi- annually). However, it will be **re-instated this fall**.

Hoping to see all OVHers at the **Apr.19th meeting**. This month's program will feature Jack/W4AD on **EME: Moonbounce**. Jack is from the Woodbridge region and gives a **great program**.

Upcoming **spring/summer activities**: June will bring **Hamfest the 5th(workday)** and **6th(event)**, **VE exams** (date to be announced), while **Field Day** will fall on **Jun 26** and **27**.

73 and here to serve YOU, See you Apr 19!

Cathy/AE4UM

## Minutes of OVH Meeting March 15, 1999

The meeting opened at 8:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. There were 17 members and 1 guest present. The Treasurers report and previous minutes were approved .

**Announcements:** Prince William County Spring Bike Tour - April 17 – Sign up to help with Larry/KA4CTX.  
Field Day 99 – to be co-chaired by Bill /N4WJN and Wes/N5RTY. It will be held at “J.S.Long” park on route 15 North of Gainesville.  
OVH Club web home page – Frank /K3TRM has asked for assistance. If anyone is interested please contact Frank.  
License advancement – Jeff /KF4JSV  
The club needs a FAR representative – Please contact Cathy if interested

### **Committees: (Jack, N4YIC)**

**Scholarship** information was sent to 9 High Schools. All responses are due by the first of May 1999. The scholarship committee will then meet to make a selection of the finalists. This year there will be 2 scholarships of \$1000 each.

**Hamfest** - Have negotiated with the Fairgrounds and have the dates for the Hamfest locked in for 3 years. Each year is not necessarily at the same price. Some volunteers are still needed for staffing. Someone is needed to head up the installation of the PA system (ladder climbing skills are needed). Needed supplies like tickets and chairs are being ordered. All mailings to the vendors have been sent out. The fliers should be available for distribution at the next meeting. The fliers will be sent to clubs, and made available at other Hamfests all around this area. Also the Hamfest information is provided to all packet BBS's around the local area.

**Repeaters:** The new controller is just about programmed. It should be installed soon. The repeaters will be stand alone at first, but will be able to be linked by the control operators when needed. Autopatch will be available on all three of the repeaters.

**ARES:** The ARES ID card applications are available from Erv / KT4DS. The application form is for both the ID card and ARES license plates. The fee is \$8 for 2 years. Your activity in ARES has to be verified every 2 years in order to continue to hold the ID card and license plates.

Erv is coordinating communications for the Dogwood Half Hundred run in the Shenandoah Valley in the George Washington National Forest on 24 April 1999. Your assistance is needed. Please contact Erv for further details.

**License classes:** The current class is nearly complete. One of the class, Chris Dickinson, has already taken the license exam and has passed the Novice and Tech nocode exams. At this point he does not yet have his callsign.

**Directors:** This year's budget has been approved. The various committees, which are in need of materials, should check with Mike to verify whether those items will fall within the budget. The Yearly Directors meeting will be held on 26 March 1999. Items discussed at that meeting will be reported in the April OVH meeting. Some discussion was made about possibly providing some supplies for the radio gear at the Red Cross Chapter house.

**New Member read in:** Chris Dickinson / (yet to receive his callsign).  
Jenny Hatton / KF4YYF who was read in last month, was proposed, seconded and approved by the members present for OVH club membership.  
Welcome Jenny and Chris!

### **New Business:**

Jeff/KF4JSV told about a show on PBS called Rescue at Sea. This show was about the first use of radio to try to prevent maritime disasters. This was before the time of the Titanic. They did a nice job of showing the gear, which was used at the time and the training that was required of the operators. It was proposed that the club obtain a copy for training and public relations activities. This was proposed, seconded and approved.

A discussion was made of possibly providing a copy of the callbook for the Prince William Library system.

### **Program**

Dick Daniels / W4PUJ, member of the AMSAT – NA Board of Directors, presented a slide show program on the history of AMSAT. Dick has been a member of AMSAT since 1970. AMSAT was formed in 1969 to carry on the work of a West Coast -USA based group, Project OSCAR that was begun in 1961. OSCAR 1 was launched December 12, 1961. Dick presented a brief description of the architecture and capabilities of the OSCAR satellites up to the present time. As of this time Phase 3D satellite is still waiting to be launched. Dick's presentation was very enjoyable, and informative. Thank you Dick! Details of the latest AMSAT activities, technical information, and membership information may be found on the Internet at: <http://www.amsat.org/>

Submitted by: N4OOM, Secretary

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## SUNSHINE CORNER

Happy **April** Birthday to these **OVH** Hams: **David/KD4DEE**, **Paul/N4PD**, **Cyril/K3DKR**, **Maureen/KE4GSZ**, **Charlie/KB4GCR**, **Mike/WV3H**, **President Cathy/AE4UM**, **Larry/KA4CTX**, and **Aida/KF4KKO**.

Have a great April, and don't mind the rain. The sunshine will be back soon!

**73 de Jan/KE4TMW**

## COMMONWEALTH DRESSAGE EVENT

Bonnie, N4QPB (Editor of FARA Toroid Newsletter) - Editor

This year the Commonwealth Dressage Event will be hosted on May 29th and 30th. Once again FARA has been contacted to provide communications and parking for this event. If you haven't already signed up to provide help during this two-day event and would like to help out, please contact me at 540-937-5687 or e-mail at [n4qpb@mnsinc.com](mailto:n4qpb@mnsinc.com).

We are usually required to be there by 6:30 - 7:00 am both days to start helping with the parking in the spectator area and participant area, as well as shadowing of selected Commonwealth Dressage personnel. The FARA coverage usually runs till around 5:30 pm on Saturday and approximately 2:30 pm (but no later than 5:30 pm) on Sunday. Lunches are provided (although since these are long days, I suggest all FARA participants to bring extra drinking water/sodas, etc., and possibly a snack to see you through the day).

This is a really fun event and a great learning experience for those whom have never participated in this type of activity.

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## New VCR Setting for Year 2000

Mollie Gieseeman

Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development

Here is something I bet you hadn't thought would be an issue for Y2K. You won't be able to use the programmed recording feature on your VCR. But, do not throw away your VCR in the year 2000. Set it on 1972 because the days will be the same.

Please pass this on because you know the manufacturer will not share this information. They will want you to buy a new one that is Y2K compliant.

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## HAMFESTS

(<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>)

April 24

Chesapeake AR Service, Chesapeake, VA  
Jim Cannon, KF4RQQ, PO Box 2035, Chesapeake,  
VA 23324  
757-382-0193 -- <http://www.qsl.net/cars>

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<http://www.home.att.net/~n3szw/aarc.html>

May 2

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Don Jones, KB8WHW 304-728-7769  
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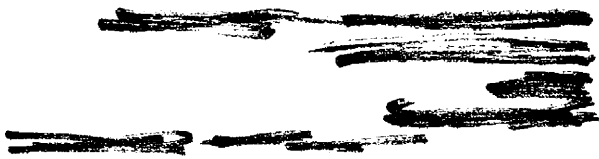
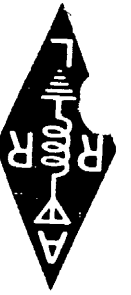
May 14-16

Dayton ARA, Dayton, OH - Dick Miller, N8CBU  
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**8:00 PM**  
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**Gainesville Technical Center**  
**5399 Wellington Road**  
**Gainesville, Virginia**

**PROGRAM: "EME: MOONBOUNCE"**  
**Featuring: Jack / W4AD**

**Access Code Cards Inside!!!**  
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**ALSO: OVH Email Adresses**