

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108  
Repeaters -- W4OVH -- 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+  
OVH Nodes -- 145.030 Port 2: 223.660 (SysOp Use Only) Port 3: 223.540 MHz  
BBS--BBSNVA/N4WJN (SYSOP--BILL)  
<http://www.qsl.net/olevahams>

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

AUGUST 1999

**Next meeting: 16 August 1999**  
**Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for the**  
**Newsletter!!!**  
(Editor)

## Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

August: the great summer roundup and perhaps time to get some of those outside antenna jobs completed before cold wx sets in. A ham's healthy diet: ending "hamcrastination".

Thanks to Harry/W4PVA, Jack/N4YIC and Erv/KT4DS for OVH's July video presentation. Also, Jay/NS5N is appreciated for the great web photos of FDay '99. More web credit goes to Bill/N4WJN who is producing fine results for OVH (besides additional packet efforts).

Congrats to MaryLu/KB4EFP & Butch/W4HJL--our OVH Team '99-- who received token gifts for all their contributions.

Even though most hams are invincible, here are a few paraphrased pointers during drought conditions from NWS: light clothing, push fluids (pets included), use common sense exercising. .... A prayer for the farmers might be in order, as well (Prez).

Hoping to see all OVHers at the Aug 16th meeting. The District 1 Digital Coordinator, Jim/KF4LGV, will be showing us the VDEN (Virginia Digital Emergency Net). This is the latest state link-up for ARES.

Upcoming summer activities: Ham classes are coming! Further info from Bill/K4WRG. Meanwhile, time-out for relaxing/enjoying the season by Hamming.

73 and here to serve YOU, See you Aug 16!

Cathy/AE4UM ☺

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**OFFICERS**

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**WEEKLY NETS**

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	KF4JSV (Jeff)	361-5865
Sundays - 8:00 PM	KF4FJD (Lisa)	330-1473

**HAMFEST 2000**

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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**FIELD DAY 1999**

Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
Wes	N5RTY	368-8544

**CLUB ROSTER**

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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**EDUCATION**

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**CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

Larry	KA4CTX	369-0425
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**ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

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Mike	WV3H	753-9346
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Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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**HISTORIAN**

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**HOME PAGE**

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John	N4YOB	791-5995
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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**

Jeff	KF4JSV	361-5865
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**PACKET**

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

**PICNIC**

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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**PROGRAMS**

TBD

**O' MASTER**

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Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844

**REPEATER TRUSTEE**

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**SUNSHINE**

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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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.

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**

No minutes provided to editor for this month.

## Sunshine Corner

Happy August birthday to our friends and fellow hams: **Stuart/W4PR**, **Tom/KE4PCV**, **Jimmy/WA2QEJ**, **Charles/WA8YCK**, and **Harry/W4PVA**. Harry's birthday is a big one -- he turns 80 this year!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

## BALUN ?? UNUN ??

So you think you need a balun, huh?! Too complicated "to do-it-yourself"? Naw. Go see the **ByteMark Corporation's** web page at <http://www.bytemark.com/>

They speak "**Amidon**" and have some handy tables and info - for instance: **EMI/RFI Suppression, Ferrite Torroidal Core physical dimensions** (Ah! So that's why a FT-240 is 2.4" in diameter!), a table with the magnetic properties of ferrite materials ... and more. Drop by and see for yourself. **They sell kits too.**

Art/KW4AW

## HELIAX ANYONE?

A Reminder for OVH Members considering use of 1/2" low-loss foam **HeliAx** or other 1/2" foam **corrugated coaxial cables** for VHF/UHF antennas. The last time anyone checked, the **connectors cost about \$27.00 each**. \$54.00 is a pretty good bite after the sticker shock of the cable. BUT! Just in the nick of time .. **the club has a small quantity of 1/2" HeliAx connectors** available for members. Cost is \$0.00 each. Just give **Art/KW4AW** a call or e-mail at:

[kw4aw@n4wjn.nova.va.usa.noam](mailto:kw4aw@n4wjn.nova.va.usa.noam)

or [kw4aw@icee.org](mailto:kw4aw@icee.org)

Art/KW4AW

## VIRGINIA BEACH HAMFEST!

This great annual Hamfest is just around the corner! It's on **Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 19th of September!** You don't want to miss this one, with all the fine dealers, exhibitors, and tail-gaters.

Also, there will be excellent forums, and other special activities, such as the Saturday evening banquet, movies for the kids during the show, and the "**Ladies Activity Room**". Of particular interest will be the presence and program participation of such notables as **ARRL's Rick Palm**, **FCC's Riley Hollingsworth**, and **AMSAT's Barry Baines**.

**Amateur Radio Examinations** will be given from **3-5 PM on Saturday**, pre-registration required by Thursday Noon to **W4RTZ** ((757) 898-8031) or **KF4OW**, (email: [kf4ow@amsat.org](mailto:kf4ow@amsat.org))

Your families will surely want to accompany you to Virginia Beach. The area's Neptune Festival & Air Show will be that weekend, and the Virginia Air and Space Center, with its Ham Radio Exhibit and "world record"

Satellite Station is just a place you won't want to miss. For that weekend, they are offering a two-for-one Admission for Hams.

Looking forward to seeing you all next month at the Virginia Beach Hamfest!

See the latest information on our web site: [www.vahamfest.com](http://www.vahamfest.com)

## ARES AND Y2K

(Don, WY2V)

"Borrowed from the August FARA Toroid"

On December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000, there is a possibility that the Fauquier County Emergency Communications will be unable to function as designed. With this in mind, FARA has offered to provide amateur radio operators to provide the necessary communications to the fire, rescue and sheriff radio systems.

FARA will start around 6 PM on 31 DEC and it could be a 12-hour initial period. Volunteers are needed to help with this situation. The time is fast approaching.

Currently, there are only 10 of us that have signed up. This means that those 10 will be working a possible 12-hour shift. Twelve hours, or more, of operation will be very hard on the people who have already signed up to participate! I'd sure like to limit the shifts to 6 hours if possible.

FARA needs others to be ready in case the operation extends beyond the initial period. PLEASE, step forward and volunteer. Rearrange your schedule if you can. You'll be safer doing this than being on the roads.

Our response to this request will have a long lasting affect.

(Editor's Comments: Folks, this is what ARES (Amateur Radio EMERGENCY Services) is all about. This is what you have been training for by participating in public service events and Field Day and by taking the training sessions when they have been offered.

The changeover from December 31, 1999, to January 1, 2000, could cause widespread problems in the communications systems of ALL fire, rescue, State and Local police and sheriff offices. This is not an imagined scenario. . . this is REAL. And, should our services prove unnecessary, at the very least, we will have the knowledge that we can and will be able to handle a situation of this size should one ever arise and so will the County and the individual offices within the County.)

## UPCOMING HAMFESTS

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

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**August 21:** Roanoke Valley ARC, Vinton, VA -  
Mike Marsh, KF4MUB 540-389-3056  
2930 Golf Colony Dr., Salem, VA 24153  
E-mail: [mikekf4mub@aol.com](mailto:mikekf4mub@aol.com)  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/fcup/rvarc.htm>

**September 18-19:** Virginia State Convention,  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Art Thiemens, AA4AT  
(757-484-2857) 2836 Greenwood Rd.,  
Chesapeake, VA 23321  
E-mail: [thiemens@pinn.net](mailto:thiemens@pinn.net)

**September 26:** Foundation for Amateur Radio,  
Bowie, MD -  
Al Brown, KZ3AB 301-490-3188  
8645 Tower Blvd., Laurel, MD 20723  
E-mail: [Al\\_Brown@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Al_Brown@ix.netcom.com)  
E-mail: [amateur\\_radio@hotmail.com](mailto:amateur_radio@hotmail.com)  
<http://www.amateurradio-far.org>

**October 24:** Carroll County ARC,  
Westminster, MD -  
Steve Beckman, N3SB 410-876-1482  
2145 Bethel Rd., Finksburg, MD 21084  
E-mail: [k3pzn@qis.net](mailto:k3pzn@qis.net)  
<http://www.qis.net/k3pzn>

## **VOLUNTEER EXAMINER COOPERATIVE**

(Retrieved from the ARRL Homepage and the November Issue of AUTOCALL)  
"Borrowed from the August 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 (\$6.45)

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#### **14-Aug-1999**

Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC

VEC: Laurel VEC

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

Contact: JOHN L FORREST (703) 971-3905

**Location: LEE DISTRICT PARK,  
TELEGRAPH RD & ROSE HILL DR,  
FRANCONIA, VA 22310**

#### **04-Sep-1999**

Sponsor: CULPEPER/MADISON VE TEAM

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

Contact: JOHN T BERRY (540) 543-2850

VEC: ARRL/VEC

**Location: WAR MEMORIAL BLDG AUDITORIUM  
MAIN STREET, MADISON, VA 22727**

#### **11-Sep-1999**

Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC

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

Contact: JOHN L FORREST (703) 971-3905

VEC: Laurel VEC

**Location: LEE DISTRICT PARK  
TELEGRAPH RD & ROSE HILL DR,  
FRANCONIA, VA 22310**

#### **12-Sep-1999**

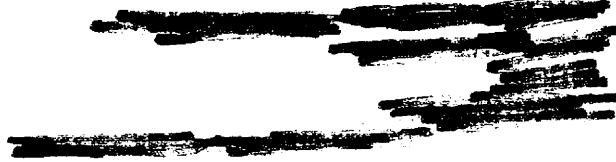
Sponsor: WINCHESTER ARS - -

**Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) PRE-REGISTRATION URGED**

Contact: GREGORY W LANHAM 540) 722-4792

VEC: ARRL/VEC

**Location: LORD FAIRFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
Room 34, US ROUTE 11  
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**MEETING: AUGUST 16TH**  
**8:00 PM**  
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Gainesville Technical Center  
5399 Wellington Road  
Gainesville, Virginia

**"VIRGINIA DIGITAL EMERGENCY NET"**  
District 1 Digital Coordinator  
**JIM - KF4LGV**  
  
(The latest State link-up)