

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

JULY 1999

Next meeting: 19 ^{July} June 1999

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

(Editor)

Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

Midway through the summer season brings our **Fourth of July** celebrations. May everybody make it out to a **fireworks** display to remember our country's independence/freedoms. A ham's healthy diet: keeping a long fuse.

Thanks to **John/N4YOB** for sharing photos of **Hamfest '99** at our Jun meeting depicting **OVH** members at our best! Additional thanks goes out to **Sylvia W.** (silent key **KB4NR**'s spouse) for participating in **HFest** by generously working a table donation and contributing to **OVH** bake sale.

Field Day '99 led by **Bill/N4WJN** with **Wes/N5RTY** (Tnx to y! **Cheri/KB5QZJ** who captured us on camera), while work, had the pay off showing we can be self-sufficient for any emergency mission besides having a good time doing so. Using the two small **Long Park** pavilions proved a dual asset—quieter generators and plenty of solar power...Anticipating booking the "**big boy**" back for 2000.

Sadness is within the ham community for **Joe/KA4UST**, of **WWI** club, now a **silent key**.

Hoping to see all **OVHers** at the **July 19th** meeting. The film **RESCUE AT SEA** will be presented for the evening with **Jeff's/KV4AP** kind cooperation. Find out what this exciting movie entails.

Upcoming summer activities: Time-out for relaxing/enjoying the season by what else? **Hamming!**

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

Cathy/AE4UM ☺

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HAMFEST 1999

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FIELD DAY 1998

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HOME PAGE

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PACKET

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PICNIC

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

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SUNSHINE

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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 June 20, 1999

The meeting opened at 8:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and signing the attendance sheet. There were 19 members and 2 guests present.

Program:

John Kanode/ N4MM, The ARRL Roanoke division director spoke. He first talked about the proposed FCC restructuring of the amateur licenses. He estimates that the proposed rules will be out in Sept. or Oct. His opinion is that there will be 3 or 4 classes of license. There will also be the **CEPT** license. This license will be good in other countries such as Western Europe. With it you will only need a copy of your ham license, a passport or birth certificate, and a copy of the FCC notice. More information can be obtained on this subject by contacting "Bart Yonkey"(sp) at ARRL HQ.

John also spoke about the Shelby Hamfest on Labor Day weekend. It is apparently one of the largest on the East Coast.

He also spoke about FCC band enforcement. Apparently the FCC is getting much tougher on enforcement than they have been in the past.

He also spoke of how at least 320 hams need to sign up for the ARRL license plates or they will not be able to become available.

With the FCC restructuring of the amateur radio licensing, when it is completed, the licensing exams will also be reworked to match the restructuring.

Bakesale report: Proceeds of \$113 and a matching amount from OVH will be donated to "Serve".

Minutes: The previous month's minutes and the treasurer's report were approved without questions.

Committees:

Jack / N4YIC

Hamfest: Jack was presented an award-certificate for the fantastic efforts he provided in organizing and managing the OVH Hamfest.

A discussion was held about the Hamfest. It was noted that attendance was down from the previous years. Apparently Newslite had report that a general trend at Hamfest was a reduced attendance so far this year.

It was suggested that for next year that several golf-carts be obtained for the Hamfest to assist those who had purchased "boat anchors" in the tailgate section to get there goods to the car park.

A discussion was held on the sale of ARRL books. The method of obtaining and selling the books, which was used in the past, will no longer be available. OVH may have to purchase the books and re-sell them for next year, or arrange for one or more the vendors to have them available. This is an item for further discussion for the next year.

Jack volunteered to again organize and manage the Hamfest for next year. The members of OVH surely appreciate your efforts Jack!

Repeaters: At the current time the 220 repeater is down due to a radio hang. This problem is being worked.

Several issues were discussed. The battery backup for emergency power. Controller linking and whether the linking functions would be available to the general users. The controller utility codes and

user access codes were discussed. It was suggested that an information sheet be available to members describing to current functions and general user utility codes.

Packet: There is now an ability to send email through packet to/from the Internet. The frequency to use is 145.03 MHz. Users must insure that messages they send and those would send them mail through this gateway comply with the FCC part 97 – 3rd party rules. Emails to / from the Internet must be text only. Keep the length short. Remember many of the links are only 1200 baud. Internet users would address email as username@n4wjn.ampr.org where username is your callsign. Please contact Bill South / N4WJN for further information.

Field Day: 26 – 27 June 1999 co-chaired by **Bill/N4WJN** and **Wes/N5RTY**. All members were encouraged to come out and participate.

ARES:

A discussion of the recent NVFMA meeting was held. Also a discussion of the emergency access autopatch numbers through the NVFMA repeaters.

New Membership Applications: No new membership applications were received this month.

New Business:

Several members won the 50/50 raffle. Hourly Prizes that were not claimed at the Hamfest were used as additional prizes for this event.

Details of the latest OVH activities, technical information, and membership information may be found on the Internet at: <http://www.qsl.net/olevahams> .

Sunshine Corner

Congratulations to **Art/KW4AW**, on his retirement! Now there'll be more time for Ham Radio!

Congratulations to **Jeff/KV4AP**, for his new call to go with the new **Advanced** class license he's earned!

Happy Birthday to **John/N4YOB**, **Steve/KB4OF** (our editor), **Brenda/WD4RKH**, and **George/KE2AM**. I hope each of you has a great day!

73 de Jan/KE4TMW

Field Day Results available on OVH WEB

I have added some preliminary OVH Field Day information on the OVH WEB site. Look for the "Field Day Results" link near the bottom of the main page. I have the logs listed, as well as some pictures that were taken by J Edgar, NS5N. When I get the complete score results form Wes, N5RTY, I'll add that as well. If there is enough WEB page space available, I'll add the full size, full resolution pictures (the originals that J sent me) as well so you can get a better view. Hope you enjoy!

73, de **Bill/N4WJN** wbsouth@erols.com
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Equipment For Sale

Our OVH club was presented with a very generous donation of mostly vintage amateur radio equipment from the estate of **George E. Rowand, K4KX**, with the understanding that the equipment will be sold and the proceeds used to augment our club's scholarship fund.

All OVH club members are invited to inspect/purchase any of these items prior to August 1, 1999, when they will be brought to the Winchester, VA Hamfest for sale. This equipment is stored at **Jack/N4YIC's** residence in Manassas, VA. Please contact Jack on **703/335-9139** if you are interested in any of the following items:

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| 1) Heathkit Oscilloscope Model 10-102 | \$25.00 | needs to be cleaned |
| 2) Heathkit VTVM Model IM-28 with probes | \$20.00 | |
| 3) Bendix (US Navy) LM-18 13VDC power supply and LM-18 frequency oscillator | \$50.00 | |
| 4) 50 Ohm dummy load resistor with PL-259 | \$5.00 | |
| 5) Cantenna dummy load with oil | \$25.00 | |
| 6) Power supply 13.8 VDC, 3A | \$10.00 | |
| 7) Simpson Model 440 tube tester | \$25.00 | |
| 8) COLLECTORS - a "K & E" slide rule with leather case | \$25.00 | |
| 9) COLLECTORS - a "McElroy" Deluxe Model speedkey (Bug) manufactured in 1939 - | \$195.00 | |
| 10) Heathkit HW-100/101 transceiver with speaker/power supply & microphone. This rig looks brand new | \$195.00 | |
| 11) Lafayette Model 99-4512 microphone - Manufactured circa 1964 - looks like it just came out of the factory | \$25.00 | |
| 12) Heathkit HW-5400 transceiver with the power supply. The transceiver's cover plate is missing. | \$125.00 | |
| 13) US Army signal generator Model I-72-J .1 to 32 MHZ | \$25.00 | |
| 14) Bencher chrome/lucite paddles on black base - Keyer included | \$65.00 | |

In addition to the listed items, there are a good number of "mystery" and project boxes - all unlabeled with wires and cables hanging out everywhere, boxes of old tubes, and other odd pieces of typical radio room junk/treasure you may view and hopefully identify.

Exchange Student Host Family Needed

Ms. Rita Rowand, Virginia State Director for the "ASPECT Foundation" (Associated Study Programs for Educational and Cultural Training,) has asked if our club would assist in finding a host family for a Christian foreign student who just happens to be a Ham Radio operator.

Anja Wolk, a 16-year-old girl living in Rostock, Germany, hopes to attend one year of high school in either Prince William or Fairfax County. She would arrive late in August 1999 and stay until the school year is completed in June 2000.

Miss Wolk is a non-smoker, and states she would not mind if host family members smoke. She has no allergies or medical restrictions. She will have her own medical insurance and personal spending money.

She is interested in ballroom dancing, Ham radio, modern dancing, school clubs, and writing letters. Her activities include aerobics, canoeing, horseback riding, ice skating, roller skating, and tennis.

Anja expects to complete her high school studies in 2002. Her favorite classes are Mathematics, English, and Chemistry. She has studied English for five years and is quite comfortable in the language. She has been earning above-average grades and looks forward to a career in the commercial area.

In a well-written letter (in English,) Anja outlines her biggest wish - to go to America and learn about the American way of life, about the culture, the American language, and about the American school system.

If you will be generous enough to share in this learning experience with Anja Wolk, you are kindly invited to contact Ms. Rita Rowand, who lives in Fauquier County, at 800/584-1689, or 540/364-3748 for additional information.

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MEETING: JULY 19TH

8:00 PM

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOP

Gainesville Technical Center

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MOVIE: "RESCUE AT SEA"

(Exciting story with details of
Amateur Radio & CW History)

FIELD DAY 1999 Results