

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

MAY 1999

**Next meeting: 17 May 1999**  
**Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for**  
**the Newsletter!!!**  
(Editor)

## Message From the President

**Greetings OVH;**

Mayhap everyone is enjoying the magnificent weather as spring ushers in lots of ham activities. Let's remember those who have given us the freedom of speech as well as our silent keys. A ham's healthy diet: committing "May-bes".

For that **great sounding repeater**, thanks goes out to: **Art, Butch, Mike** and crews who produced such + results. **Teamwork pays off!**

Our new club tape, **Rescue At Sea**, is available for member viewing use. If interested, notify **Jeff/KF4JSV**, who came up with the innovative idea.

**Field Day '99**: co-chaired by **Bill/N4WJN** and **Wes/N5RTY**, will occur at breezy **Long Park**. A positive experience awaits everyone at this event.

Hoping to see all OVHers at the **May 17th meeting**. **Jack/N4YIC** will be addressing both **Hamfest** and **Scholarship**. The club will be honoring two deserving **local high school students** with scholarships, then he will keep us apprised of Hamfest progress. (Remember to support OVH by coming out for the **HFworkday** on Jun 5!)

Upcoming **spring/summer activities**: June will bring **Hamfest** the **5th**(setup) and **6th**(event), **VE exams** are held **June 12th**, while **Field Day** will fall on **Jun 26** and **27**.

**73 and here to serve YOU, See you May 17!**

Cathy/AE4UM ☺

## Minutes of OVH Meeting

April 19, 1999

The meeting opened at 8:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, oral roll call and signing the attendance sheet. There were 20 members and 4 guest present.

### **Program:**

**Jack O'Mara/W4AD** spoke on Moon Bounce (EME - Earth Moon Earth) communications. He showed slides of various EME antenna arrays. Apparently, one needs to be a pretty good mechanical / structural engineer in order to be successful in EME. He talked about the schedules are set up, and the operating procedures followed. In order to get started, listen on **144.01 MHz** and **144.03 MHz** during an EME contest. The HF frequency used to coordinate schedules for EME is **14.345 MHz**. Some web sites to look at for more information are: <http://web.wt.net/~w5un/primer.htm>, <http://maser.org/links/weak.htm> and <http://www.webcom.com/af9y/radio>. This program was very informative and enjoyed by the members present. Thank you Jack!

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

### **Minutes:**

The previous months minutes and the treasurers report were approved without questions.

### **Announcements:**

**Field Day** will be co-chaired by **Bill/N4WJN** and **Wes/N5RTY**

**OVH Home Page** webmasters will be **Blaine/KD4RKL** and **Bill/N4WJN**

**Larry/KA4CTX** has asked to be replaced as the club **Emergency Coordinator**.

### **Committees:**

**Jack / N4YIC**

**Scholarship** Only about 4 applications have been received at this point. The deadline is the end of April. They will be presented at next months meeting.

**Hamfest** - Fairgrounds have been contracted for to cover the Hamfest of the next three years. Liability insurance is in place. The rental of the tables and chairs have been arranged, along with a truck to haul them. Tickets have been printed and are in hand. Prizes have been arranged for. The selection is similar to last year's prizes (HF transceiver, 2m transceiver, computer, magazine subscriptions and etc.).

**Advertising** - 275 envelopes have been stuffed with fliers to send out to ham clubs within the nearby areas. They will be sent out within the week. Information about the Hamfest has been placed on packet BBS throughout the local areas. Also have notified all the ham radio magazines. The local radio stations will be notified in May. Members are encouraged to take fliers and place them throughout their local areas. There are a couple competing Hamfests on the same day. The Winchester Ham Club will handle the parking for us again this year. Police coverage has been arranged. City officials have been contacted to obtain permission for signs to be posted. All 3 repeaters will be up and set for open access on the day. The Westend Lions will be providing the food concession. A bakesale will be held in the showbarn. Coffee will also be served there. All club members need to bring items for the bake sale on the day.

**Important - Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>** - OVH club member's help is needed to get everything setup. Also, on Sunday at the Hamfest, help is needed for many different areas in order for things to run smoothly.

The **ARRL Representatives** will be here. The ARRL books have been ordered.

Cathy and Erv will take care of the book sales for us again this year. The **F.A.R.** and the **Autocall** people will be coming. A courtesy table is being provided for them. The **OSL** bureau and **DXCC** personnel will also be here. A table will be setup for the **Virginia QSL Party** awards ceremony in the showbarn. Some help is still needed to set up the PA system for the Hamfest.

At this point it appears that most everything is proceeding, as it should.

It was suggested that OVH should buy a few traffic cones for activities such as the Hamfest.

Concern was expressed about where they would be stored. It is believed that the current storage shed being used for other OVH material would have enough room. The cost of purchase would be covered in 2 years, when compared to the current rental fees for traffic cones for the Hamfest. This action was proposed, seconded and approved by vote of the members present.

#### **ARES:**

**Erv/KT4DS** - Discussed the various license plates available to hams. These include **ARES**, **RACES**, **AMATEUR**, and **ARRL** (with ARRL logo). For those who apply for and meet the requirements for the **ARES ID card**, if a license plate is desired, a selection must be made of the logos available.

Erv further discussed a proposed list of materials for the **Red Cross Chapter house**. This included power supply, antenna, cabling, and other misc. supplies (connectors, and etc). It is planned to refurbish all the current antennas. It was proposed that the club provide funds not to exceed a fixed amount, for this work to be done over the next several months. This material would be donated to the Red Cross. This motion was seconded, and approved by vote of the OVH members present.

Emergency generators for use at the **Red Cross** were discussed. Erv indicated that he was going to suggest to the Red Cross that they should raise funds for purchase of a 1 kW generator for emergency operations. Until the Red Cross is able to provide the backup generator, the OVH club and various members have generators available, which could be used.

**Repeaters:** The new controllers are working well. The new access code for the autopatch is in place. If you haven't received the new code, please pay your membership dues. Contact **Mary Lu/KB4EFP** if you have paid and not received the new code. All the repeaters can be linked together if needed. For normal operations they will not be linked. It was suggested that the repeater tones should be changed a day or so before the next OVH meeting as a reminder to attend the next meeting. Some new instructions will be sent out to the members, as some of the repeater function codes have changed.

#### **New Membership Applications:**

**Roy/AC6JM** - available for emergency ops, active on many modes and bands.

**Lenny/KG4CKI** - available for emergency ops, works with computers

**Chris Dickinson/KG4CKK**, who was read in last month, was proposed, seconded and approved by the members present for OVH club membership.

**Welcome Roy, Lenny, and Chris!**

#### **New Business:**

**Jeff/KF4JSV** has obtained a VHS tape of a show on PBS called **Rescue at Sea**. Jeff will keep track of the tape for OVH. New members or others who are interested should contact Jeff.

## **Manassas Hamfest – Front Gate Call!!!**

Hi all,

Need help again this year with the **front gate** for the **Manassas Hamfest**. An hour or so of your time would be appreciated. I have **slots to fill** for the **0630-0730, 0730-0830, 0830-0930, 0930-1030, 1030-1130, 1130-1230 and 1230-1330** after that it slows up considerably. All you do is **collect the money and hand a ticket over**. It went smoothly last year and was the first time that I had managed the front gate. **Please let me know at your earliest convenience... thanks!**

Larry/KA4CTX

## **OVH Web Page**

Hi folks, **Bill** here, **N4WJN**. I have gotten involved in the task of updating and enhancing the **OVH WEB page**. In doing so, I'd like to start incorporating some of what you are involved in with the club. At the recent **B.O.D. meeting**, it was discussed that it would be good to have the **minutes** of the meetings, and perhaps, **other Newsletter articles**, appear on the **WEB page** too. I definitely would like to get the minutes on the **WEB page**, but want to do it with the minimum of **key whacking**. If either of you have the minutes, or any other articles or documents, in **electronic format** (**ASCII .DOC**, any other Word-processor or document format, any **.JPG** or **.GIF** or any other graphics format), please copy me. If you could begin to do this on an ongoing basis, I can try keeping the **OVH WEB page up to date**. I'll also get back to putting some of this on my packet **BBS, BBSNVA/N4WJN**, for those hams that are still on packet. Thanks for your hard work!

73, de **Bill South, OVH Treasurer and Co-Webmaster**

## **A couple of items:**

There will be an **ARRL/VEC** sponsored exam session on **June 12 @ 9:00 AM** at the **Northern Virginia Community College** in **Room MC-246**.

Various members seek gel-cells or sealed lead acid batteries from time to time. Given the east-west nature of the county. I thought some of the members may not know about.

Batteries Plus  
14224 Jefferson Davis Hwy  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
703-494-8400

**Keith Bennington <km4aa@erols.com>**

## **OVH Web Page Part 2**

I just added the Ham-Fest flyer onto the **OVH WEB** page. Just click the Ham-Fest announcement to see it at <http://www.qsl.net/olevahams/>. It doesn't convert exactly from the original WORD .DOT file, but it is pretty close. I hope to get to the **member's e-mail listings** and get them updated this weekend. I have already updated as much of the other info as I could.

If you see anything else that needs to be changed or updated, let me know.

73, de Bill South, OVH Treasurer and Co-Webmaster

## **FIELD DAY 1999**

I am trying to help organize Field Day (June 26-27) this year and the main thing I need help with is coming up with enough equipment. We are planning on having three rigs up and running. Bill South has generously volunteered to bring one rig. If any of you are willing to loan us the use of some equipment (radios, antennas, generators, etc.) please let me know.

Thanks,  
Wes Smith/N5RTY

## **SUNSHINE CORNER**

Happy May Birthday to **Blaine/KB4RKL, Bill/WA4FIC, Craig/N4WUV, William/K4WRG, Bill/WB4KFU, Fred/KD4IIX, Bob/N4RL, Jack/N4YIC, Wesley/N5RTY, and Craig/WA3UFY.**  
See YOU at the Hamfest!

73 de KE4TMW Jan

# MANASSAS HAMFEST

“Always the First Sunday in June”

## AMATEUR RADIO, ELECTRONICS & COMPUTER SHOW

(ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST)

Presented by:

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

(A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio)

# SUNDAY - JUNE 6, 1999

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

½ MILE SOUTH OF MANASSAS, VA. ON ROUTE 234 TALK-IN 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 and computer equipment 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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.qsl.net/olevahams>**

#### Dealer Information:

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

#### General Information:

Mary Lu (KB4EFP) 703-369-2877  
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**DIRECTORS**

Don (Dutch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
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John Fritsch	N4YOB	791-5995

**WEEKLY NETS**

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

**HAMFEST 1999**

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**

Charlie	WA4YGI	361-3091
Bill	K4WRG	754-7913

**CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

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

Erv	KF4DS	335-1029
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**F.A.R. REP.**

T.B.D.

**FINANCE**

Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

**GENERATORS**

Tommy	KA4AFU	369-2741
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**HISTORIAN**

T.B.D.

**HOME PAGE**

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**JOTA (Scouts)**

John	N4YOB	791-5995
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**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Bob Wikfors	KF4FIC	361-8059
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**NEWSLETTER**

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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**NEWSLINE**

Mike	WV3H	753-9346
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**PICNIC**

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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**PROGRAM'S**

TBD

**O' MASTER**

Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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Art	KW4AW	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Alan	KD4K BX	330-8844

**REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
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**SCHOLARSHIP**

Jack	N4YIC	335-9139
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**SUNSHINE**

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

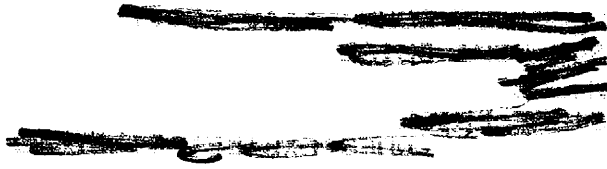
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Local information can always be obtained, at any time, through the usage of the OVH repeaters (146.97- & 224.660- Mhz). All are welcome.

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**MEETING: MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00 PM**  
**NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOP**  
**Gainesville Technical Center**  
**5399 Wellington Road**  
**Gainesville, Virginia**

**O V H "SCHOLARSHIPS"**  
 Awarded at this Meeting!!!

**" H A M F E S T "**  
 Planning & Details at this meeting  
 (See Hamfest Flyer Inside)