

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

FEBRUARY 2000

Next meeting: 21 February 2000
Committee Chairperson's!!!! Need your input for the
Newsletter!!!
(Editor)

Message From the President

Greetings OVH;

Hope your heart-throb is ham radio with our antennas in tune. A ham's healthy diet: a heart box of 88s and 73s.

Thanks to **Jeff/KV4AP** who keeps our **Thurs nite, 8pm net** interesting while advising us of club/ham-related happenings. We can add our support by checking in.

Beyond typical duties: **Steve/N4OGR** deftly conducted a meeting plus cements whatever is asunder; **Bill/N4WJN** is dynamic on the Homepage/packet; lastly, **Lloyd/N4OOM** has recorded logistics long-distance. Along with this team spirit, here's bowing out of a 2-year tenure in a reflection pool full of **OVH** support and fond memories.

Once again, it's **dues renewal time**. **MaryLu/KB4EFP** or **Bill/N4WJN** will gladly assist you.

February's meeting will be **officers' election night** for the new Club Year--come out to vote for your choice of candidates.

Hoping to see all OVHers at the **Feb 21 meeting**. **John/K4KXX** will be covering a program on a hi-tech track of batteries. John's finesse will walk us into a better understanding at a higher technical level.

Upcoming spring activities: **Ham Classes** start the eve of Mar 28 (Contact **Bill/K4WRG**); **VE exams** follow (See **Keith/KM4AA**). Please advise all interested persons.

A reverberating **73** and proud to have served **YOU**, See you Feb 21!

Cathy/AE4UM ☺

Amateur License Exams

The club has copies of **Technician**, **General** and **Extra Class** license examination question pools for those folks that do not have access to the ARRL Internet site. We also have a **freeware examination program** to practice taking examinations. This **information is for the existing license examinations** - so avoid the rush and grab a copy to upgrade before the **restructuring** takes effect in mid-April. To get your copy on disk, contact **Art/KW4AW**.

Art/KW4AW

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OFFICERS

President: Cathy Whalen	AE4UM	335-1029
Vice Pres: Steve Frick	N4OGR	361-0008
Secretary: Lloyd DeLapp	N4OOM	791-4192
Treasurer: Bill South	N4WJN	448-2724

DIRECTORS

Don (Butch) Blasdell	W4HJL	369-2877
Art Whittum	KW4AW	791-4330
John Fritsch	N4YOB	791-5995

WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays - 8:00 PM	KV4AP (Jeff)	361-5865
Sundays - 8:00 PM		

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

Charlie	WA4YGI	361-3091
Bill	K4WRG	754-7913

CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Brian	KE4NFK	257-9545
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ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Erv	KT4DS	335-1029
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F.A.R. REP.

Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877

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

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HOME PAGE

Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877

J.O.T.A. (Scouts)

John	N4YOB	791-5995
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

TBD

NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Jeff	KV4AP	3615865
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562

PICNIC

Ellie	KF4NBO	361-8059
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PROGRAM'S

TBD

Q' MASTER

Jim	N3ODZ	361-2543
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REPEATER CONTROLLERS

Ari	KW4AW	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Steve	KB4OF	368-6901

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

Art	KW4AW	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N4WJN	590-9562
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Mike	WV3H	753-9346
Jimmy	WA2QEJ	

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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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The OVH Nominating Committee met recently and they have come up with a possible slate of officers for the coming year, with the exception of **President**. (So far, we have been unable to find a Club Member willing to take on this position.) Elections will be held at the next meeting on February 21, 2000. There can also be nominations made from the floor, as long as the person being nominated has given their permission prior to the Election, and that the nominee meets the criteria as stated in the Bylaws. Election will be by Secret Ballot.

The following members of Ole Virginia Hams have agreed to run for office:

President:	<u>John Palcer</u>	<u>K4KGU</u>
Vice President:	Bill South	N4WJN
Treasurer:	David Lane	NO CALL
Secretary:		

We urge all members of OVH who are able, to attend the February meeting and cast your vote for the new Officers. Then we can all offer our cooperation, support and assistance to the incoming officers for the tasks ahead.

Congrats to John/N4MM

John Kanode/N4MM has been selected as a **Director** for **ARRL**. John is a frequent speaker and friend to **OVH**, and formerly lived and worked in the Manassas area. For a good many years, John has worked hard for us as the **Roanoke Division Director**. So hats off to you, sir, and we wish you all the best in your newest endeavor for amateur radio!
Cathy/AE4UM

SUNSHINE CORNER

Great news! **Harry/W4PVA** is home from Charlottesville, and well on his way to mending. He still needs transportation, so see if you can offer any help! While he was in the hospital, the club sent a bouquet of different colored carnations, denoting honor, respect, and affection.

Good news also for **Bob/KF4FJC**, who is making great strides in getting better! Steve and I visited on **Valentine's Day**, and found Bob sitting up and ready to go home. He had another procedure in the works, then if all went well, would be going home that week. I know that he would appreciate hearing from you at home -- send your cards to **Bob Wikfors, 8903 Barnett Street, Manassas, VA 20110**, or call at **361-8059**.

Happy Birthday to our fellow hams born in **February**: **Chuck/KE4JWY**, **Lloyd/N4OOM**, **George/KD4GTN**, **Jenny/KF4YYF**, **Brian/KE4GKH**, **Vinh/KF4PQI**, and **Art/KW4AW**.
73 de Jan KE4TMW

A Call to Hams

The recent snowstorms brought back the need for ham radio operators with 4-wheel-drive vehicles (those without, read on). **Maury/W4HYB**, **Jim/K9SP**, and **Steve/N4OGR**, took nurses, nurses' aids and other workers to and from **Birmingham Green Nursing Home**. **Erv/KT4DS** acted as our "dispatcher" and net control.

It was the first time in several years that 4-wheel-drive vehicles were needed, at least at this end of the county. **Great job, guys!**

If there is anyone in the club who has a 4-wheel-drive vehicle and can donate some time and their services, please contact **Erv/KT4DS** (Prince William County EC), **Brian/KE4NFK** (Club EC), **Steve/N4OGR**, or any of the club officers.

And so those of you who don't have 4-wheel-drive vehicles don't feel left out, let us know if you are available, with your radio and mag mount, as a ride-along with a non-ham 4-wheel-drive operator.

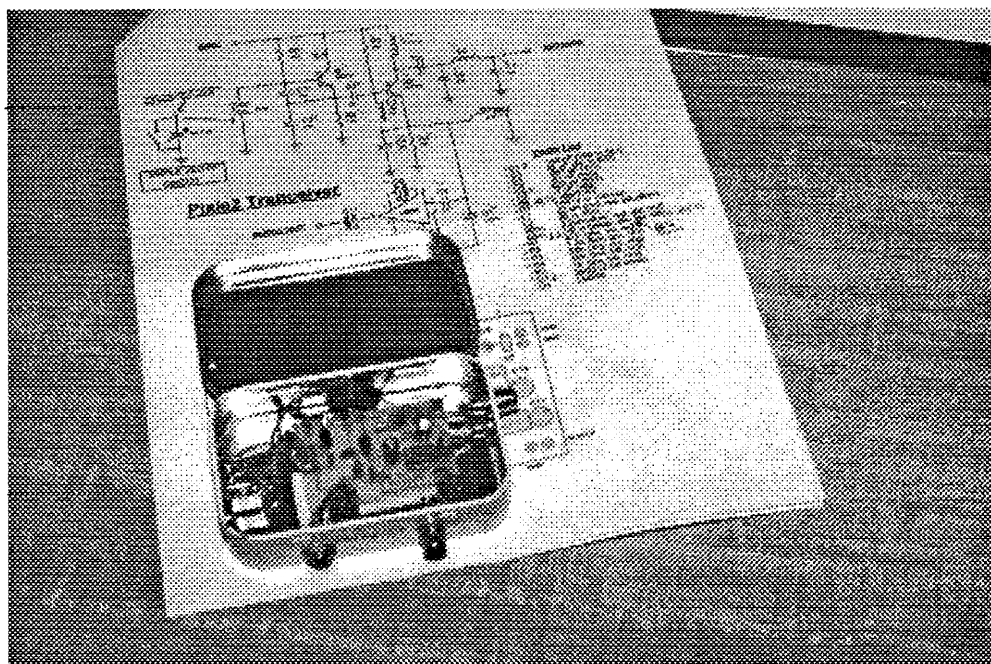
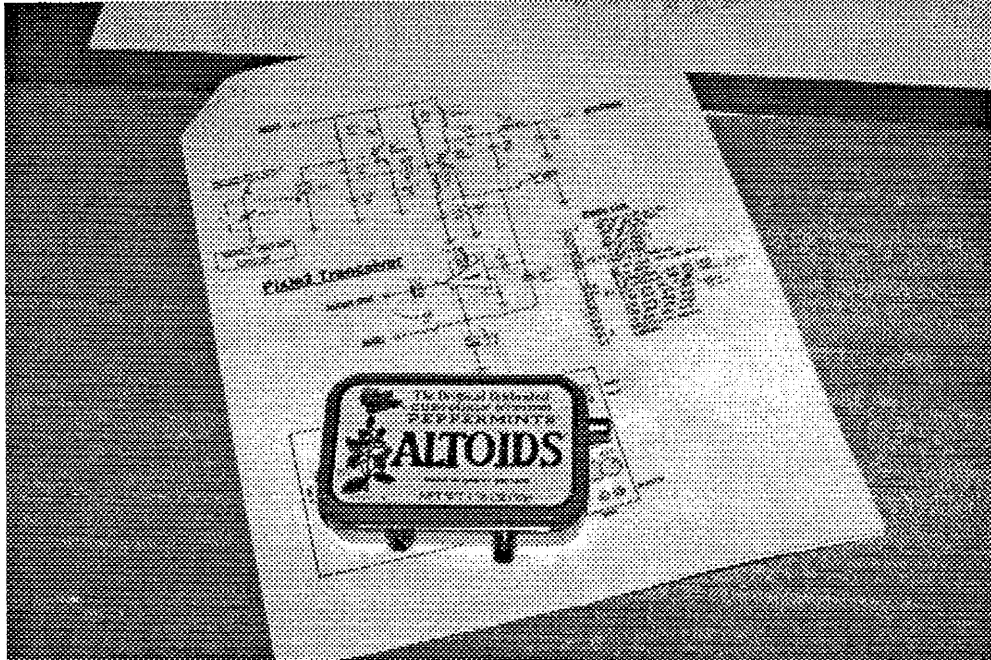
Most schedules will be mornings and evenings, but ah!, don't worry, sometimes other schedules will require our services. So if there is a chance you can help out, let us know! It all works much smoother if we have a pool of names to call rather than only putting out a call on the repeater and hoping someone will answer.

There is a possibility that **Annaburg Manor** and **Prince William Hospital** will be added to the list of those who need our help.

73 de The OGR - Steve N4OGR

CW FUN

Another shot at convincing people that CW can be fun. For some of us it can be humbling too. I mean, don't get puffed up too much, Mr. "Bug-Man"!! (KW4AW discovers that it only SOUNDS like he's copying 20 wpm ... it really turns out to be 13!). Trying to get to the point, one can have fun building CW rigs as well as operating them. The bug on the wall says that construction is progressing on some PIXIE-2 kits that arrived in Manassas not too long ago. A PIXIE-2 is small fully functional CW transceiver that, so far, has been tried on 80 meters and 40 meters. In case you haven't tried it or thought about it, simple kits can yield more than simple results. Several kits are being built around town that soon will be operating on 3.6864 kHz. Pick a kit, or find a construction article, and build a new "shack companion" for the new year. PIXIE-2 examples are shown in the accompanying photographs.



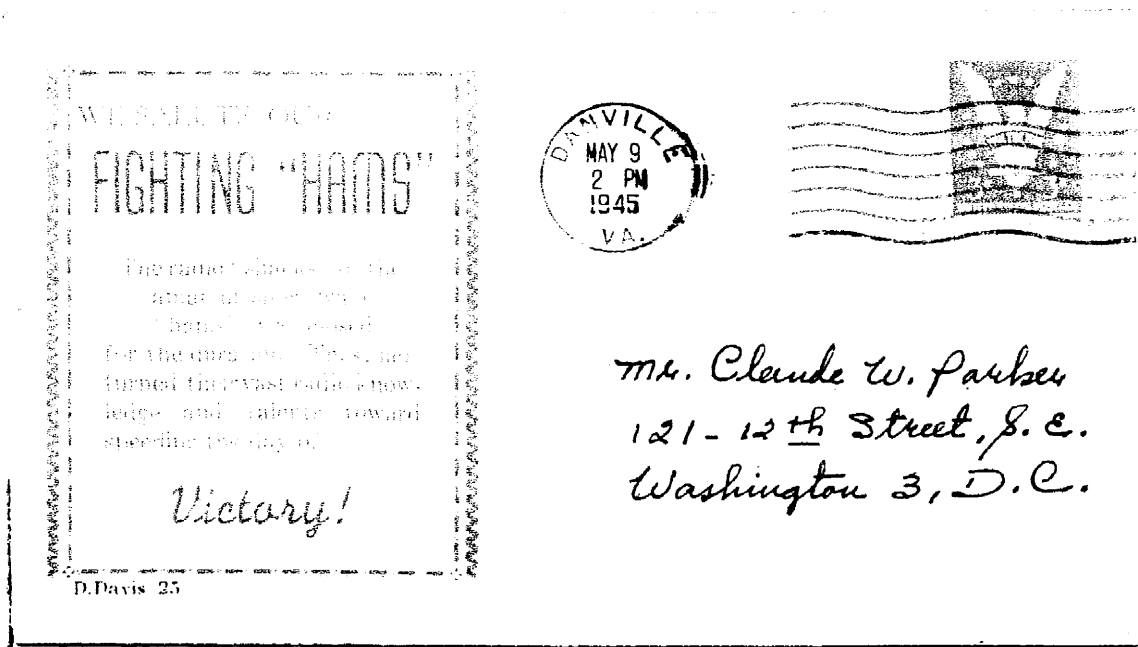
Our "Fighting Hams" Heritage

The January 2000 issue of "QST" magazine carries an excellent story by Jim Maxwell, W6CF, describing in detail the achievements and contributions of amateur radio operators during the past 100 years. Jim also cites a few of the historical events that serve to remind us it was amateur radio operators of yesteryear who established this proud, contributing, and community-spirited service organization we are all part of.

World War I started in 1914 in Europe. By 1917, the U.S. was involved and all Ham radio operations in the U.S. ceased. However, Hams were the only trained radio operators available, and eventually some 4,000 of them served during WW-I. Amateur radio operating privileges were restored in 1919.

In 1939 World War II erupted in Europe; 1941 brought the bombing of Pearl Harbor, drawing the U.S. into the conflict. Once again all amateur radio activities were curtailed except for Hams serving as members of the War Emergency Radio Service. At that time circa 60,000 Americans were licensed Hams. It is estimated that during WW-II 25,000 Hams served in the armed forces, and another 25,000 served in critical war industries, or as instructors in military schools. WW-II ended in August 1945 and, by mid-1946 nearly all amateur radio operating privileges had been restored.

Whether serving this nation at home or abroad, Hams earned ample recognition, as evidenced by this envelope of the times:



And yes, it was the same in Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Saudi Arabia, and every military conflict following WW-II; Hams served when and where needed. Moreover, Hams at home manned their radios to provide untold thousands of those all-important, morale building "phone patch" telephone calls from those abroad to their loved ones here in the U.S. Through these significant contributions, Hams truly earned their radio operating privileges.

Ham radio is far more than just a hobby. When you become a Ham, you have bragging rights to a long, proud, hard-earned heritage. Keeping this fine tradition going is our job now, so do what you can to promote amateur radio, and use your skills and talents to contribute when and where you can in your local community.

