

The OVH ARC Newsletter
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108
OVH FM Repeaters - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+ & 443.500+
OVH D-STAR Repeaters - W4OVH - 146.865- & 442.5125+
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH
membership now!

January 2012

Next Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2012

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all! The Holiday season is now behind us so we can focus again on other activities.

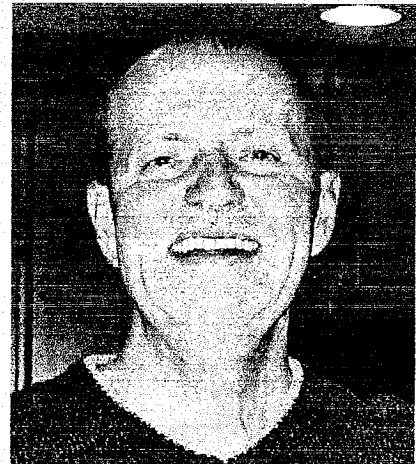
I hope all of you are giving serious consideration to the OVH positions that will be or are open. This is your club, each of us as members has a responsibility to support the OVH. We do a great job supporting the events, however we have several volunteer positions which urgently need to be filled. Officer elections will be held during the February meeting, please consider taking a position. Be sure to renew your membership so your are eligible to vote!

In the past few months, OVH has expanded it's operations by the addition of two repeaters, one a D-Star 2 meter repeater at Mt. Pone on 146.865 out, 146.265 in. This is a work in process because the duplexer is still being configured. We also added an FM repeater, 443.500 out, 448.500 in, CTCSS 110.9 Hz with the antenna on the City of Manassas water tower in downtown Manassas. This repeater is fully functional operating at low power setting at 35 watts. Once we have everything configured the repeater will have a link capability to our flagship 146.97 FM repeater similar to the OVH's other FM voice repeaters.

The OVH will again participate in Winter Field Day beginning on Saturday, January 28th, 1700 UTC to Sunday, January 29, 1700 UTC on the Manassas Museum grounds, the same as last year. The upcoming OVH general meeting on January 16th will cover details and coverages needed for this event and I hope all of you are able to come out to support your club with setup and operations. Joe / KI4OHR is again coordinating the event and will have more information at the meeting.

The Club has begun work on the OVH Hamfest, the Hamfest committee has met and flyers are being modified and preparation for distribution. Hope to see you all at the next OVH meeting January 16th at the Red Cross Chapter House on Liberia in Manassas.

73 George K4GVT



Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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OFFICERS

President: George Tarnovsky	K4GVT	791-5956
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WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time	JOHN / KG4NXT	257-3566
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HAMFEST 2012

Bruce	AB8CI	361-8873
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FIELD DAY 2012

Randy	WB7RAV	393-1494
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EDUCATION

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JOTA

TBA.

LEGAL

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NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLINE FOR THE WEEKLY NET

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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PACKET

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Bill	N4SV	590-9562

PROGRAMS

TBA

WINTER FIELD DAY 2011

Joe	KI4OHR	369-2639
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QUARTERMASTER

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Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Russ	WB4HHN	368-6435

W4OVH / W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Keith	KM4AA	909-1512
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SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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SUNSHINE

Theresa (Acting)	KG4TVM	257-3556
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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday of the month at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House at 9930 Liberia Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and all other interested persons are invited to attend. Local information can also always be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.97 & 224.660 Mhz. Up to date information about OVH activities and meetings is also available on the OVH web site at <http://w4ovh.net>.

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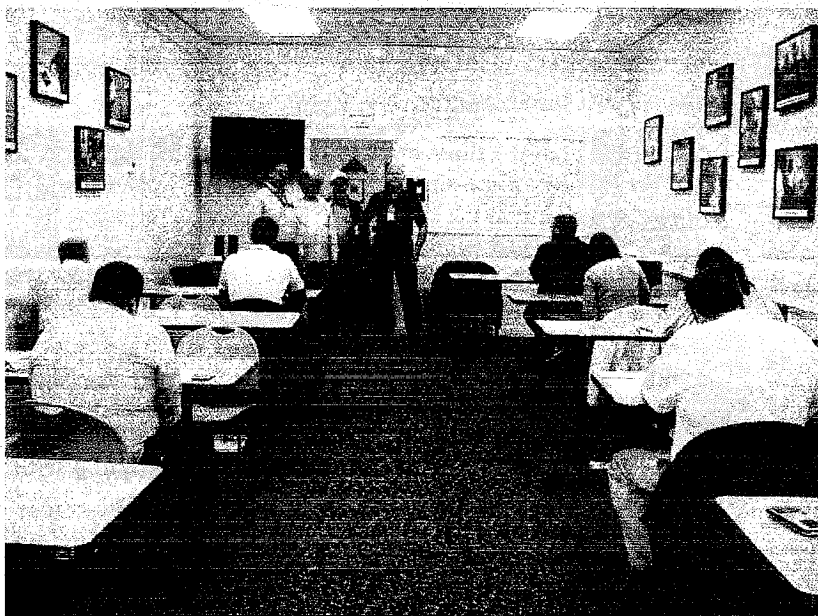
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Sunshine Corner:

Birthdays during January - Justin / KJ4LAS, Dan / K9POO, Elizabeth / KG4NXV, Randy / WB7RAV, Charles / W4XP, Milt / N4SN, Woody / N4MQ, Alan / WA2GTT and Harold / K4OPS.

Some pictures from the OVH Christmas / Year End Holiday Party held on Sunday, December 11th are included later in this Newsletter. George / K4GVT also has more pictures online.

Thanks and congratulations to Mark / WA4KFZ for successfully conducting the Technician Course in December and for the VEC team (John / KG4NXT, Al / KB4BHB, Steve / N4OGR, Mark / WA4KFZ and Ross / N4RP) who administered the Exam Session shortly after that course was finished for the attendees. (See picture to the right.) All of Mark's Tech class students passed. Several more walk-ins than usual appears for the VEC exams - 12 examinees. All received either a new license or an upgrade. One fellow zipped through all three exams (Tech, General and Extra) and went from no license to an Extra Class license in one sitting.



The Sunshine Corner column is again very brief because the OVH is looking for a new volunteer to compile the information monthly

- ideally someone active in the club who is good at keeping his / her ear to the ground for information to report. I will continue to function as acting Sunshine Corner chairperson until someone volunteers. It's really not that much work, and I'll help with the transition.

The OVH club also has several other committee chair openings, now would be a great time to volunteer! The OVH is also looking for chairs for Publicity, Membership and JOTA. Also, the annual officer elections will be next month; it is time for you to let someone (everyone) know if you are interested in running for office: President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. Be sure your OVH membership has been renewed so you can vote.

For now, please continue to send your news / comments to kg4tvm@hotmail.com or by telephone to 703-257-3566.

73 Theresa KG4TVM

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting December 19, 2011:

George K4GVT called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Meeting was held at the Prince William County Red Cross Chapter House in Manassas, Virginia.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs. There were 19 OVH members and 1 guest.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as read

Treasurer's Report by Gary WG4ARC, approved as presented

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Membership – Theresa KG4TVM presented the application for Ron KK4DCZ for vote,

ARES – Steve N4OGR gave a recap of the club working with the Manassas Park parade, and George K4GVT gave us a recap of the Manassas Parade; Al KB4BHB asked about liability issues when directing traffic, discussion followed.

Repeaters – Keith / KM4AA has all the packet equipment out of the shed; the new 2 meter Dstar repeater is on site but the duplexer is not ready or working.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ just finished a General class and the VE session is tomorrow, the Tech class starts January 10th and will last 4 weeks.

Hamfest – Joe / KI4OHR is working on a web page for hamfest; George K4GVT is working on the commercial vendors and the flyer

Field Days – Joe / KI4OHR is finalizing the location for Winter Field Day and thanked GaryWG4ARC for helping; Randy / WB7RAV –Field Day in June will be at the same location on Route 28 as in 2011.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM announced the birthdays for the month; let us know that Mary Lu couldn't make the party because she had fallen; Alan / K5AKG is recovering from hip surgery and Lisa's mom is in the hospital; Theresa also thanked everyone who came to the Christmas party and for contributing to Toys For Tots

New Business – Art / W1CRO asked for a committee to take care of the finances and a nominating committee; a roster needs to be presented at the January meeting; George / K4GVT also advised he wants to make certain changes to the ByLaws. Gary / WG4ARC has ordered the club trailer with delivery in mid-January, Steve / N4OGR is designing the inside of the trailer.

Break

50/50 – Won by Wayne / N7QLK and he donated his winnings back to the club. Art / W1CRO donated a pig timer and it was won by George / K4GVT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Saturday, February 4, 2012, Virginia State Convention, also known as Frostfest 2012, to be held in Richmond, Virginia, more details at <http://frostfest.com>

Sunday, February 26, 2012, Winterfest - Vienna Wireless at NVCC in Annandale, Virginia, more information at <http://viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

Saturday, March 31, 2012, Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, Maryland. More info at <http://gbhc.org>

Friday, May, 18, 2012 - Sunday, May 20, 2012, Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. More information at <http://hamvention.com>

Sunday, June 10, 2012 - Manassas Hamfest, Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, Virginia. More information at <http://w4ovh.net> and <http://manassashamfest.org>

TRAINING SESSIONS / VEC EXAMINATION SESSION:

The General Class license training course being given by Mark / WA4KFZ at the Red Cross Center in Manassas, Virginia, is ongoing during January, 2012. A VE examination session will be scheduled shortly after the course finishes at the end of January.

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SPECIAL OPERATING EVENTS AND CONTESTS

Saturday - Sunday, January 28 & 29, 2012, Winter Field Day on the Manassas Museum grounds.
Contact Joe / KI4OHR for more information.

There are many operating contests almost all of the time. The excellent web site maintained by WA7BNM lists most of them! See <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for latest updates.
David maintains a comprehensive calendar for upcoming events at that web site.

Some Pictures from the OVH Christmas / Year End Holiday Party Sunday, December 11, 2011





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Special thanks to Theresa / KG4TVM for her considerable efforts in making the arrangements for this Party!

Good Bye to OVH Packet Operations!

The last surviving OVH Packet radio digipeater was decommissioned in December to make way for the new 2 meter D-Star equipment in the equipment shed at Mt. Pone. In the mid-1980's the packet radio mode on VHF seemed to come out of nowhere; it quickly became very popular because of its novelty and its effectiveness for direct keyboard to keyboard communications and several other intriguing variations. Highly useful systems such as DX Packet Cluster networks, packet radio based BBS's with (now primitive) email forwarding features using amateur radio packet networks and APRS nets evolved quickly. DX Packet Cluster systems allowed almost instantaneous circulation of DX spots to DXers on the cluster network; such radio based systems still exist and are supported, but have largely been supplanted by Internet based DX spotting networks. Packet radio based BBS's, on the other hand, have all but died out with the almost universal adoption of modern Internet based email. Other specialized packet based radio systems such as APRS still survive. Those who used packet in its heyday will have fond memories, but also recognize that it is now essentially an obsolete mode except for a few very specialized uses.

REMINDER

Renew your OVH membership now!



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!!
Below is the 2012 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below or drop off at a meeting.
Be sure to update all information, especially e-mail address, telephone number(s) and 9 digit ZIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB"
2012

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____

Home Tel: _____

Cell Tel: _____

Work Tel: _____

EMAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)

MAY YOUR TELEPHONE NOS. BE LISTED IN THE "Members Only" OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)

WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$10.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2012

Dues for additional family members **living at the same mailing address** are **\$5.00**

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name: _____

Name: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

Call: _____

Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**
P.O. Box 1255
Manassas, VA 20108-1255

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Sunday, June 10, 2012

Prince William County Fairgrounds

Large outdoor flea market area, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas, VA 20112-2720 (Route 234) - TALK-IN 146.97- 442.200- D-Star 442.5125+

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

8-foot tables: \$30 each

with chairs & electricity
(\$25 if reserved by May 1)
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$8 per person at gate

\$7 Advance Sales
Gates open at 7 AM
Free Parking

TAILGATING

\$8 per space (plus admission)

Gates open at 6 AM
Ample Room—25 acres
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

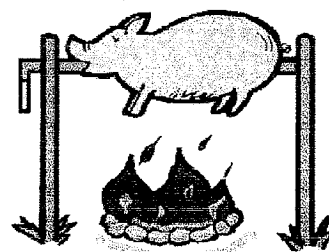
VE TESTING — Contact David, KG4GIY (kg4giy@arrl.net) for more details

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly beginning at 9 AM for those present
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM
(Winner MUST be present during drawing)

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- Virginia Section Manager's Forum
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- "Virginia QSO Party" Awards Ceremony



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