

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

June 2024

Upcoming Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Hello Everyone – June is always the busiest OVH month.

I'd like to start with our Manassas 2024 Tailgate Party (in lieu of the Manassas Hamfest) on June 1st. Most importantly to me, a BIG thank you to all of our OVH volunteers who assisted in making that happen. Along with the good weather, you are the reason this event was so successful.

After five straight Saturdays of rain, we had a 75° day with no rain and no humidity. We beat last year's vendors & spenders head count. Edith, XYL of event Chairman, Don / WA2SWX, ran the bake sale which did quite well. Best of all, the OVH cleared \$1,500 after expenses. Way to go, Don!



Last year we officially opened at 8:00 AM and many showed up 7ish. So, this year we moved it up an hour earlier, and of course, people still showed up before we officially opened. Ah, the problems of success.

Our two club photographers, George / K4GVT and Rosalie / KN4ZLY, have once again provided us with many memories. Two pages of small versions of some of those pictures follow later below; to see all of the pix, go to <https://k4gvt.com/ovh/OVH%202024%20Tailgate>

And again, I want to offer a huge heartfelt thank you to all of the Manassas 2024 Tailgate Party volunteers.

Ron / K3FR, encountered something that could only go under the heading of “It’s a Small World.” He was reunited with his first Vibroplex while at our Tailgate Party. Way back in 1960, Ron received the Vibroplex as a gift from his father for passing his General Exam on his second try. For you newcomers, you had to pass 13 words per minute in addition to the written exam. And if you didn’t know, Ron is a second generation ham with his father first

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Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time		

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Open - volunteer needed!

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Open - volunteer needed!

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getting licensed in 1920 in New Jersey. We sure do have a lot of history in our club. See, image to the right.

The OVH's Tailgate Party once again hosted the Virginia QSO Party Awards Ceremony for the 2024 Virginia QSO party event that had been held in March.

OVH member and VP, Gil / KM4OZH, once again operated as a single operator multi band ROVER (SOMB). This year Gil achieved a new personal best with a high score of 92,416 points. This year, Gil his regular route with Byron/AK4XR/Mobile

keeping in close proximity. And for the first time, Gil made it to and activated 19 different "Virginia counties" before the event ended at midnight. See, image of Gil's award plaque to the left.



Gil tells me "... As always, this was a very enjoyable contest although hectic at times. No time to waste. My preoccupation with VAQP is all KG4NXT AND KK4ZUU's fault, but that is another story...."

Then, on Saturday, June 15th is our OVH Monthly Breakfast Get Together at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Rd, Manassas starting at 8:00 AM. We usually have 6 to 10 people that show up. We hope to see you there.

The upcoming OVH regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18th starting at 7:30 PM at the Buckhall VFD Hall, 7190 Yates Ford Road,

Manassas. The presentation at the meeting will be by will be Allen Graves – who will talk about his many SOTA activation experiences.

Very Important – while Don/WA2SWX, OVH Treasurer, is winding down to begin his well-deserved retirement with his upcoming move to Ecuador, the Club will need to appoint a new Treasurer. Fortunately, OVH member, Jeff Porter / K9VEG, has stepped forward and offered to tak over that important position. However, he must be "voted in" to make it official. So please plan to attend the June 18th OVH Monthly Meeting to vote in the new Treasurer.

And lastly for June, the ARRL 2024 Field Day, which is always the fourth full weekend in June will begin at 1800 UTC (2:00 PM EDT) on Saturday, June 22nd, and running continuously until 2059 UTC on Sunday, June 23rd. More information about the overall ARRL event at <https://arrl.org/field-day>

During it own participation as a Radio Club in Field Day this year, the OVH Field Day

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event will again be set up and using the site at the large pavilion at the Nokesville Community Park, 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville,, Virginia 20181, if using a GPS, punch in: 38°41'07"N -77°34'43"W to find the location in Maidenhead Grid Square: FM18fq.

This OVH event is always a rain or shine event as we will be under the large pavilion. Come on out and tune in and work the world on the radios. This year the OVH special event during Field Day will be led by Bruce / KN4GDX, with Byron / AK4XR and Gil / KM4OZH assisting to launch a hydrogen filled weather balloon. Personally, I can't wait.

If you are new to the hobby, I recommend that you come out Friday and Saturday morning to help with the setting up. It is truly a learning experience. Time will pass very quickly, and before you know it, we will be ready. Again, for those new to the hobby, once Field Day officially begins, we try to make as many contacts as we can in that 24-hour period, using phone, Morse code and the new digital modes. We do this either singularly dedicated to one mode only or by using any combination of those 3 modes. It's all up to you.

Saturday Evening at the OVH Field Day will again be the OVH Pot Luck Dinner. Bring a favorite dish to share; dinner will be around 5:00 PM. After all, this is a family event.

Another item, which inadvertently was left out of my remarks last month, Theresa / KG4TVM has replaced long term OVH director Charlie Dale / WA4YGI on the OVH's Board of Directors. Thanks from everyone to Charlie for his long service! And thanks to Theresa for taking on these additional duties and responsibilities for the OVH.

A reminder to check in to the OVH's Thursday night VHF/UHF repeater net at 8:00 PM. How to do details for that are on the OVH's web site: <https://w4ovh.net> – a great way to stay in touch.

Questions, comments or war stories can be directed to my e-mail: KN4DD@arrl.net

73, Ken / KN4DD



Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday wishes to the following OVH club members this June: Jan / KE4TMW, Edward / KQ4DPP, Jim/KM4SXM, Robert/W4PHX, Wayne/AG4ZZ, Gene/H4HFW, Bob/K4HJF, Robert/N0DGN, David/KQ4BDS, Dana/KM4TTP, Ron/K3FR, William/KO4QDL, Sean/KO4ZTO and Seth/WA0FZY. Each of you enjoy your day!



Happy Father's Day to all our dads! Also, congratulations to all the school and college age kids for making it thru another school year, let the summer begin!

Tailgate Party - Congratulations to Don / WA2SWX, our Tailgate Party Chairman and all the other club members who helped to make this event a success. Great job by everyone, even Mother Nature, the weather, was the best we could have had.

On to Field Day, upcoming on June 22nd and 23rd, OVH Chairperson Cat / KM4PBD

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for that event just chaired the last planning meeting for this event, all systems are go and we are hoping for a great club turnout at Nokesville Community Park. Don't forget the Saturday night dinner starting around 5 PM. Everyone including family and friends is invited. The club will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and accessories, please bring a covered dish to share. The special balloon launch event will take place after the Saturday potluck dinner.

Little bit of other info – I'm also the OVH club historian and have been collecting items from club members for the last 15 years. So I decided to start with all of the old OVH newsletters that I have: if you will go to the OVH web site at W4OVH.NET, and then to the “About the Club” menu and then to the “Newsletters” submenu, you can now see a lot of the older OVH Newsletter there (by year). If you find any of old newsletters pre-1995 I will be happy to collect and scan them in, just shoot me an email.

I am also planning to start a “History of the Club” section on the OVH web site, and will let you know once that is up and running. We have quite a few former locally located club members who have moved out of the local area or out of state, and I thought it would be nice to just be able to reconnect with them and post something in the club Sunshine Corner as I receive something back.

This month, we are recognizing Ron/N4RDZ. He was living in Manassas due to his job and once he retired he moved back to the Seattle, WA area. Ron was a very active club member and we greatly appreciated his help on many events. He just got back home from an extended trip to Egypt and the photo of him is from his trip. Here is what Ron sent me - see the picture to the right and Ron's text below (in blue)::

“Well, this year I'm turning 70 so I got a gift early to go to Egypt for a trip of a lifetime. 18 days including Giza, Cairo several places to the south (Valley of the Kings, Valley of the Queens, Luxor, Saqqara, and a three-night cruise on the Nile from Luxor to Aswan.

“A couple of years ago while I was visiting Greece, I was able to visit with the ham club of Athens. Their headquarters is like ARRL HQ. I did operate from my rental car near my hotel and made one contact as N4RDZ/SV3 with Portugal.

“On another trip to Rome, I toured and operated from HV0A at the Vatican. That was a blast!

“Lately, I've been working a lot of FT8 due to hearing loss, and will be helping with the GOTA station this field day. W7AW in West Seattle.”

73s – Ronald (Ron) Zuber / N4RDZ”



Thanks for this update Ron and good luck on Field Day, maybe we will hear you!

Remember to join in on the Thursday night OVH VHF/UHF FM net at 8:00 PM which is a great way to keep up with current events and hear what everyone is up to! Details are on the W4OVH.NET web site.

Everyone, enjoy the Summer!

Please send me your news, good, not so good and ham related info for this column!



73 Theresa / KG4TVM kg4tvm@hotmail.com Tel: 703-257-3566

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Informal Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024:

OVH President Ken / KN4DD called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on May 21, 2024 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and call signs.

Don / WA2SWX gave a brief on the upcoming Manassas Tailgate Party event on June 1st. He covered setup and tear down as well as traffic flows during the event.

The minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting were approved.

Don / WA2SWX gave the Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Luther / WA3FMO gave the membership report. There were one new read-in to be voted one at the next meeting: Zachary J. DiTrocchio / KQ4RIS

ARES report: No report.

Repeater report: The problem reported last month has not occurred again. Ken/KE2N emailed a report that stated that all systems are operational. There was one brief interference incident on 146.97 machine. The battery was replaced on one of the repeater laptops and a Linux update was done on that laptop.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. He asked if any OVH VEs needed a VE pin.

The tailgate report was the tailgate brief given at the beginning of the meeting by Don.

John / KG4NXT gave the Field Day report. The final field day planning meeting will be on June 11th. After 6 weeks, the FAA responded to our inquiry on the balloon launch. We have sent them the requested information.

Ken / KN4DD gave the web committee report. Cyber attacks from Russia continue.

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Sunshine report. Theresa / KG4TVM announced birthdays and other matters. She announced that Butch / W4HJL has been in the hospital. She also mentioned that James / KQ4CAX got his POTA warthog award.

Theresa also mentioned that she has been scanning in OVH newsletters from the 80s and 90s and they are available on the w4ovh.net web site..

Don won the 50/50 raffle and donated his winnings to the club.

Old Business: None

New Business: Don is leaving to live in Ecuador and we will need a new treasurer. Jeff / K9VEG has volunteered. Thanks Jeff. We will have the required election in the June OVH meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Sunday, July 6, 2024. 8:00 AM, The 53rd Harrisburg (Pennsylvania) Firecracker Hamfest sponsored by the Harrisburg ARC which has been around since 1946, see W3UU.ORG. The hamfest location is about a 2.5 hour drive from the Manassas area. See, the Flyer about this later in this Newsletter for more information.

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 6:00 am until 2:00 pm, The 73rd Annual Berryville Hamfest sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley ARC. This is close by (within an hour drive from the Manassas area) and very popular with and usually attended by many OVH members, and many other hams and ham and computer related vendors each August. It has approx. 1500 paid admissions with indoor and outdoor vendors) See, the Flyer for this later in this Newsletter for more information.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS:

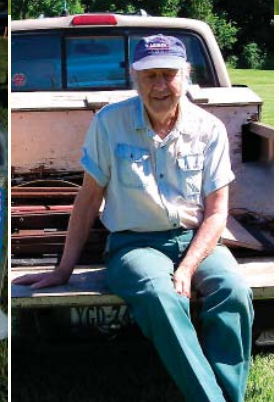
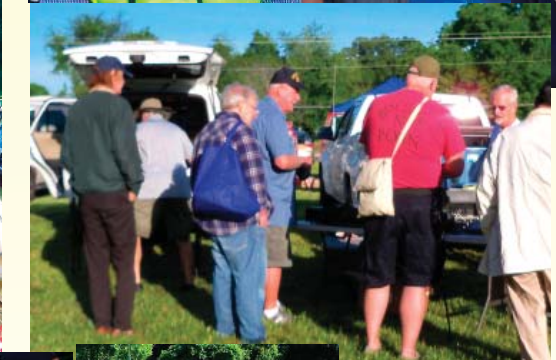
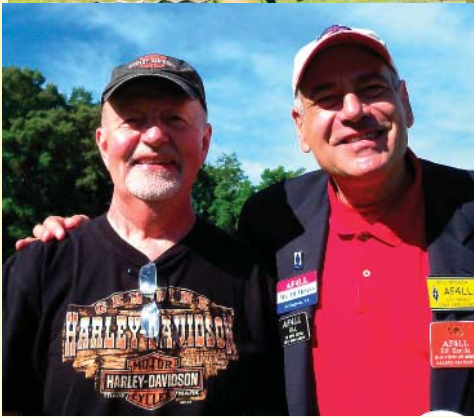
Saturday / Sunday - June 22 and June 23, 2024 - ARRL and OVH Field Day. This is a major annual Ham radio event in North America (USA and Canada) each year. The OVH event will be at the Nokesville Community Park again this year, part a family social event for OVH members and guests and part a ham radio operating event during which radio contacts are made with other ham radio Field Day stations all over North America and others throughout the world. Save the date. .

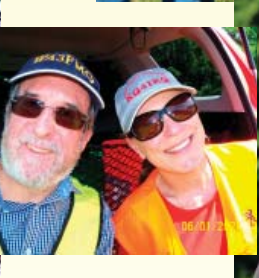
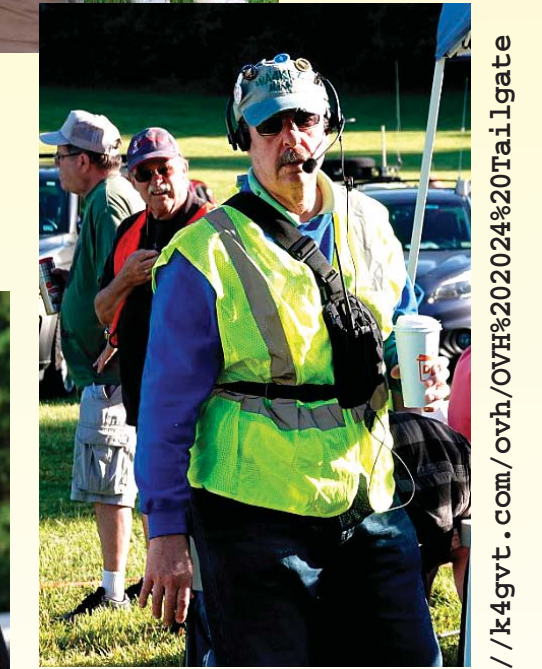
The ARRL maintains a Contest web page at its web site at ARRL.org, but a much more comprehensive, up-to-date, and long range planning contesting calendar with links to the rules for the various events is maintained at <https://contestcalendar.com> by WA7BNM. Another very good web site for info is NG3K.com. If you have the radio contesting bug or just want to find out how much is going on - a lot -, these are very good places to look!

PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

Also check the online Calendar on the OVH's web site at W4OVH.NET for information about upcoming OVH related events. Also, check the online Calendar maintained by David / KG4GIY at <http://pwcares.org> for the latest PWC ARES updates. Complete direct contact information for David KG4GIY also appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

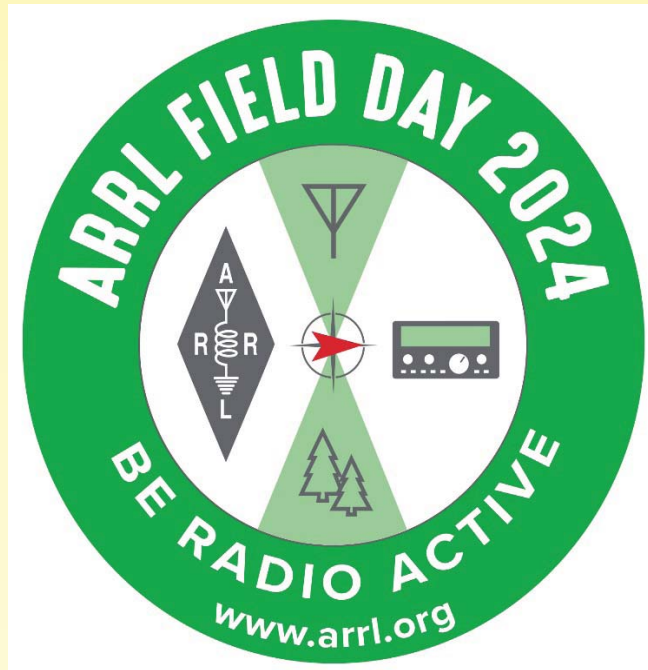
A Few Images from the 2024 Manassas Tailgate Party - June 1, 2024





More pix at <https://k4gvt.com/ovh/OVH%202024%20Tailgate>

Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club



2:00 PM Saturday, June 22nd- 2:00 PM Sunday, 23rd

Nokesville Park, 12560 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA

Rain or Shine! We will be under the big pavilion. Come on out and tune in the world!

Saturday Night Pot Luck Dinner! Bring a favorite dish to share, dinner around 5 pm! This is a family event!

Balloon Launch following the Saturday dinner, all are welcome!

Any questions; please see our webpage at www.w4ovh.net or Facebook Ole Virginia Hams – W4OVH

W3UU - Harrisburg Radio Amateurs' Club 53rd Annual

Saturday, July 6, 2024

FIRECRACKER

Electronics Expo and Hamfest



Harrisburg Postal Employees Picnic Grounds

1500 Roberts Valley Road

Harrisburg, PA 17110

-  Covered Pavilion and Picnic Tables Available
-  Largest Tail Gate Electronic Flea Market in Central PA
-  Hundreds of tailgate spaces available
-  New and refurbished equipment dealers on site
-  Check for updated list of vendors at <http://www.w3uu.org>
-  ARRL Sanctioned Hamfest
-  Great Food (Breakfast and Lunch)
-  Meeting areas available for clubs and discussions (must Pre-Register)
-  DXCC/WAS/UCC QSL Card checking on site



General Admission: \$7.00 per person

Tail Gating: \$8.00 per space

Tables: \$15.00

NO Advance Sale Tickets

General Admission: 8:00 AM

Dealer Setup: Friday 3:00 PM, Hamfest Day 6:00 AM

NO overnight camping without previous authorization.

For further information contact:

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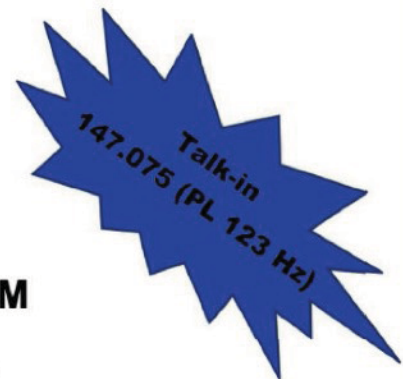
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Shenandoah Valley
Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
ARRL Virginia State Convention



73rd Annual Berryville Hamfest

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds
890 W. Main St., Berryville, VA

- GATE OPENS AT 6:00 AM • VENDOR BUILDINGS OPEN BY 8:00 AM



Admission \$10.00, children under 16, free

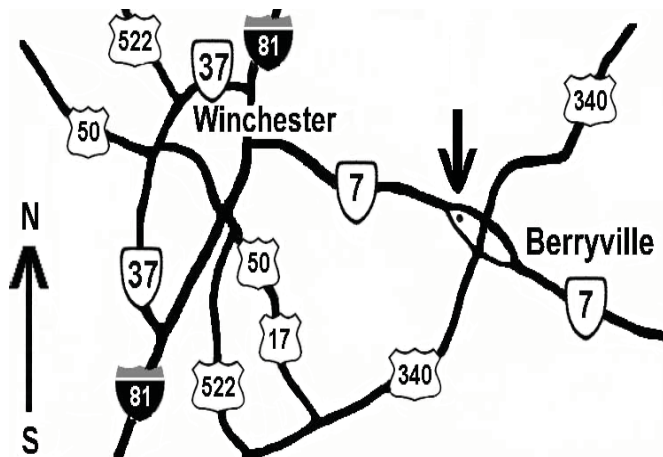
- Tail Gate Spaces are \$10 each (First come, first served)
- Online Indoor Vendor Table Registration at berryvillehamfest.com
- Ruritan Beef & Chicken BBQ Dinner / Sugar Creek Ice Cream
- \$15.00 FOR A CAMPER SPACE~~ RURITAN RULES: *NO Pets, Pornography, or Weapons*

Country Ham &
Eggs Breakfast at
7:00 AM

Prizes given each
hour through 1PM

Prizes:

- HF Rig
- VHF Rig
- VHF Hand Held
- Gift Certificates



VE Exams will be given by the **Laurel Amateur Radio Club VE Team of the LARC VEC** at the Clarke County High School. Walk-ins are welcome. Testing begins at 12:00 noon. A photo ID, FRN, and email address are required. For more information, contact John Creel, WB3GXW@arrl.net;

Only 10 minutes from I81

For more information go to

berryvillehamfest.com