

OLE VIRGINIA HAMS A. R. C. INC.

SEPTEMBER 1975 NEWSLETTER

Club Station - WA4FPM
Club Repeater - WR4ADZ (146.37-97)
Meeting - 4th Monday of the month
Manassas Park Recreation Center

For Info. - Bob, K4HJF
Phone: - 368-3763

SEPTEMBER MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 - 8:00 P.M.

DEADLINE:

Please submit inputs for our October Newsletter to Bob, K4HJF or Kathy Zaepfel: 368-3763. We are always appreciative when a member brings a news item to us. We ask that articles for the October Newsletter be in our hands by October 18, 1975.

AUGUST MEETING:

The August meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Zaepfel. There were three guests:

Arch Brough W4LDR
Dave Moser WN4ROS
Dale Cockle HL9WC

The first item on the agenda was the introduction of our special guest, Bill Grenfell, W4GF, author of "FCC Highlights" in AUTOCALL. Bill gave a very informative talk on the history of Amateur Calls and speculated on the future.

In the brief business meeting that followed, Harry, WA4CUU, reported on the problems in locating a site for the OVH picnic. Other sites were suggested and it was decided to postpone a final decision until the Sept. meeting.

The new repeater antenna was installed August 23, by Walt, WB4TBO, Bill, WA4RVN, Jeff, K4ZKU, Tim, WA4GVX, and Chuck, WA4KZM. The new antenna is 22 feet long, and weight is 40 pounds. It was purchased from Phelps Dodge at a 40% discount. Bids on the old antenna will be accepted until the next meeting at which time it will be sold to the highest bidder.

Walt told of a recent QSO with "Butch" (Don Blasdel). The Blasdel Family seems to be settled and thoroughly enjoying life on the Islands. Butch is on the air now as KH6IPN with a new SB104 and can be found around 14340 most evenings between 2200-2300 EDST.

Sam Lebowich and Bill Springfield, K4IEY were voted into the OVH.

REPEATER:

The repeater has been functioning normally for the last month. The C.W. identifier was fixed by Walt, WB4TBO and is now sending error free code again. The problem was dirty contacts on a relay and was corrected by

replacing the relay.

The new Phelps-Dodge commercial grad antenna has been installed on the tower. It is a four dipole array capable of 6 db omnidirectional gain. All users have reported a great improvement in performance over the old antenna. The antenna appears to be well made and should last a long time without maintenance.

No work has been done on updating the controls to solid state. However, winter is approaching with its shorter days and work will begin soon.

I, WB4TEL, would like to ask all repeater users to please identify correctly when using the repeater. The F.C.C. requires that you give only your call when you start or break into a QSO. When you sign out you are required to give the call of any other station in the QSO and yours. It is incorrect to merely say something like..."OK John, 73's, catch you later, WB4TEL now clear..."!!!

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to our new members; Sam Lebowich and Bill Springfield, K4IEY. And a very welcome back to Milt, W4DIW who recently returned to the area.

ODDS and ENDS:

Condolences to Beldone on the loss of his HW 202 which was recently stolen.

The Manassas "Star Twirlers" square dance club, who provided the fine entertainment at last year's Dinner, announced their beginners classes starting October 7, 1975. Any couple who would like to learn to square dance is invited. The first lesson is free and \$3.00 per couple thereafter. The lessons will be for from 16 to 18 Tuesdays. For further info, please call Harold or Evelyn Past at 361-5960.

COMING EVENTS:

September	20-21	VE/W Contest
*September	22	OVH MEETING
October	5	Mt Airy Hamfest
October	10-11	ARRL Great Lakes Div. Convention, Columbus, Ohio
October	19	Gaithersburg Hamfest
*October	27	OVH MEETING ?
November	8-9	ARRL Sweepstake CW
November	22-23	ARRL Sweepstake Phone

QUIZ OF THE MONTH:

The "Morris" Code: PI/G (This word was actually heard on the CW portion of the ham bands. See if you can figure out what the sender meant. Answer to the quiz will be in the October Newsletter)!!!!!!

