

The OVH ARC Newsletter  
OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
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OVH FM Repeaters - 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+ & 443.500+  
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Web Site at <http://w4ovh.net>

# OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

Renew your OVH  
membership now!

## January 2026

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

### VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

The upcoming Monthly OVH Meeting will be on Wednesday (not Tuesday) January 21, 2026, 7:30 pm at the Buckhall VFD Hall 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas. Check the club website for more info about that.

Reminder to everyone. It's that time of the year again, please renew your annual OVH membership for 2026. See the flyer later in this Newsletter to do so by mail, or go to W4OVH.net to renew online.

The ARRL's January VHF contest is underway as this Newsletter goes to press, and OVH VP Gil / KM4OZH, a national level competitor, is very heavily and actively involved. Right now he is making contacts and seeking more contacts on the 2m, 222 MHz and 70 cm bands, all modes, hoping for a new record score. You do not formally have to be in the VHF contest or plan submit a logbook to make contacts!. See messages on the OVH's members only email reflector about how to contact him. Get on the air now and join in the fun.

Best wishes for continued recoveries to James / KQ4CAX, Al / KB4BHB and Ken / KN4DD.

All comments and opinions are welcome either to the web site, where moderating issues may exist, or to Gil at [km4ozh@gmail.com](mailto:km4ozh@gmail.com)

VP Gil KM4OZH 73



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## OFFICERS

President:	Gil Thompson	KM4OZH	369-0431
Vice Pres:	Vacant		
Secretary:	John Heartney	KG4NXT	257-3566
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## DIRECTORS

George Tarnovsky	K4GVT	791-5956
Arthur Whittum	W1CRO	791-4330
Bob Zaepfel	K4HJF	282-2451
Theresa Heartney	KG4TVM	257-3566

## WEEKLY FM REPEATER NET COORDINATOR

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

## TAILGATE (HAMFEST) 2024 - CHAIRMAN

Don	WA2SWX	597-3211
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## FIELD DAY 2024 - CHAIRWOMAN

Cat <a href="mailto:otohime.1978@gmail.com">otohime.1978@gmail.com</a>	KM4PBD	571-213-2179
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## CLUB ROSTER / DATABASE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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## VE COORDINATOR

Mark	WA4KFZ	818-8033
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## CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

Open - volunteer needed!

## ARES - EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Lane	KG4GIY	628-3868
See <a href="http://pwcares.org">http://pwcares.org</a> email: <a href="mailto:kg4giy@arrl.net">kg4giy@arrl.net</a>		

## FINANCE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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Don	WA2SWX	597-3211

## GENERATORS

Byron	AK4XR	222-2095
Al	KB4BHB	368-4794

## WARRIOR BIKE RIDE - CHAIRMAN

Andy <a href="mailto:andy@gamponia.com">andy@gamponia.com</a>	KJ4MTP	785-4651
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## WEB COMMITTEE — W4OVH.NET + Twitter & Facebook

Kevin	W4RKU	540-445-5183
John	KG4NXT	257-3566
Ken	KN4DD	622-2638

Web Committee "help request" email: [webmaster@w4ovh.net](mailto:webmaster@w4ovh.net)

## EMAIL REFLECTOR — [w4ovh@googlegroups.com](mailto:w4ovh@googlegroups.com)

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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## MANASSAS CHRISTMAS PARADE - OVH COORDINATOR

George	K4GVT	791-5956
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## LEGAL

Bob	K4HJF	282-2451
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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Luther	WA3FMO	361-4885
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## NEWSLETTER

Paul	W4ZB	754-0910
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## CHRISTMAS / YEAR END PARTY - CHAIRPERSON

Theresa.	KG4TVM	257-3566
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## PROGRAMS

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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## QUARTERMASTER

Open - volunteer needed!

## THURSDAY NIGHT NET / REPEATER CONTROLLERS

John	KG4NXT	257-3566
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Ken	KE2N	753-8587
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George	K4GVT	791-5956
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Al	KB4BHB	368-4794
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James	KQ4CAX	628-5186
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David	KG4GIY	361-3042
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Cat	KM4PBD	571-213-2179
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## W4OVH — TRUSTEE

Gil	KM4OZH	369-0431
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## W4PVA — TRUSTEE

Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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## SCHOLARSHIP 2022

Ken	KN4DD	622-2638
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## SUNSHINE

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Ken	KE2N	753-8587
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Andy	KJ4MTP	786-4651
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George	K4GVT	791-5956
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Arthur	W1CRO	791-4330
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Bob	K4HJF	335-1939
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David	KG4GIY	628-3868
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Gil	KM4OZH	369-0431
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## HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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# Sunshine Corner



Happy Birthday wishes to all of the following OVH club members with birthdays in January: William /KN4YPG, Elizabeth / KG4NXV, Erik / K4SOK, Joe / KM4UYA, John / WA1STU, Ken / KE2N, James / KQ4CAX, Mark / KO4MBN, Ken / KN4DD, Fred / WD4ASP, Cat / KM4PBD, John / KG4HZC and Sam / KQ4SL. Each of you enjoy your day!



\*\*\*\*Please REMEMBER the January & February OVH monthly club meetings will be held on the third Wednesday (NOT Tuesday), January 21st and February 18th, at the Buckhall Fire Department. This is due to Monday of those weeks being Federal Holidays and it pushes the Fire Department training room schedule by one day. \*\*\*\*\*



Always thrilled to post here about the arrival of babies! Congrats to Wayne / N7QLK and his YL Vicky on the birth of their Granddaughter on January 5th, Congratulations to the whole family. Also, congrats to George / K4GVT and his YL Ev on the arrival of their Great Grandson born on January 6th. Very exciting for the entire family!



Update on James / KQ4CAX: he has been moved to Lake Manassas Health and Rehab, 14935 Holly Knoll Lane, Gainesville. If you take Linton Hall Road to Rt 29 South, turn left at the third traffic light and the complex is approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on the right. If you have a few minutes please stop in and visit with James. His wife, Yong is normally there with him during the day and they are thrilled when someone comes in to visit. James really likes to hear about the OVH and the different things going on. Please continue to send James and his family your positive energy.

John / KG4NXT and I went to visit with Al / KB4BHB, he is currently at his son and daughter-in-law's home in Remington. He is doing better and has his cell phone if you want to give him a ring, 703-368-4794

The first 2026 OVH Hamfest meeting was held on January 7th at the Hog Shack Restaurant on Dumfries Road. We covered a lot of info during the meeting and made the decision to move forward with the Hamfest. I will be sending out an email on the reflector soon asking for help and the spots we need assistance with. Let's make 2026 the year that we get great participation from the club. Thank you to those that came to the meeting and to the club members that emailed me saying they can help but couldn't make the meeting. Please see the Hamfest section on our website for information, check back every once in

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awhile as we will be adding content as it becomes available. See photo to the right.

I think it is always a good thing when we can promote ham radio! The first Hamfest of 2026 will be at Middle Peninsula on February 7th. A Flyer for that is attached later in this Newsletter. John / KG4NXT and I will be attending to promote our event and hand out flyers, we have also purchased a table. We did attend this event last year and were very pleased with the attendance and reception we received for attending.



Please make sure the club has your correct call sign and mailing address in the member's only section at [w4ovh.net](http://w4ovh.net)

Please send me your news, good, not so good and ham related info! [kg4tvm@hotmail.com](mailto:kg4tvm@hotmail.com)

Thursday night net at 8 pm is a great way to keep up with current events and hear what everyone is up to with their radios!

73 Theresa / KG4TVM [kg4tvm@hotmail.com](mailto:kg4tvm@hotmail.com) Tel: 703-257-3566

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## Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held on December 13, 2025:

OVH Director, Theresa / KG4TVM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on December 13, 2025 during the OVH Holiday party at 10535 Cedar Creek Drive, Manassas.

Luther gave the membership report. There was one vote-in to be considered, Scott Gee, KR4BNF who was voted in as a new OVH member.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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## **Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:**

### **HAMFESTS:**

There are few nearby Hamfests this Winter. Check the ARRL Hamfest Calendar for more information about upcoming Hamfests.

February 7, 2026: MPARC Hamfest, Gloucester, Virginia. See. [MPARCHAMFEST.com](http://MPARCHAMFEST.com) and the Flyer later in this Newsletter for more information.

February 13 - 15, 2026: Orlando (Florida) Hamfest. This has been a major / larger hamfest for many years and is worth attending if you can schedule it. More info at <https://hamcation.com>

March 15, 2025 (Sunday), Winterfest 2026 in Vienna, Virginia - more later.

## OVH RELATED EVENTS

None scheduled.

## HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS

The Winter is prime time for radio contesting events on the HF amateur radio bands. See, pages 65-83 of the November 2025 issues of QST for a Special Section about Contest Season 2025/2026. The ARRL's VHF contest in January is underway as this Newsletter goes to press. Many other radio contests will take place in January and February, 2026.

See, <https://www.arrl.org/contests> for the ARRL maintained Contesting web page; see also, NG3K.com and <https://contestcalendar.com> by WA7BNM for more radio contesting info!

## PUBLIC EVENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

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.

### Some Possibly Interesting or Useful Information / Recollections

The PCARA [pcara.org] Update for 12/2025 [<http://nm9j.com/pcara/docs/pcud1225.pdf>] includes an article by N2KZ about a new broadcast TV standard that is in the process of being implemented. Although broadcast TV itself today lacks the importance it once had, as someone long interested in communication technologies, I found that article very interesting; it also triggered a lot memories and recollections once I did some quick online research about the history of TV. See, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_television) for a overview.

As a young kid in the early 1950s, I remember when my parents first brought a black and white television; it was magical, what a TV was doing was intuitive: you could observe on the screen and listen to what was taking place somewhere else or watch movies, but I was too young then to even wonder about how it all worked. Then I got interested in electronics, influenced by my older brother (now N3KVV) who was self-taught in repairing TVs and in ham radio. In 1964 I went to the NY World Fair and watched demonstrations of the Bell System's future PicturePhone, individuals talking remotely using miniature TV devices.

Two years later (still in college) I was working in the Television Systems Engineering group at Bell Labs in Holmdel, NJ and regularly shuttling back and forth to Bell Labs in Murray Hill, NJ. The focus was on how best to digitize analog video and to minimize transmission bandwidths for future systems, both difficult technical challenges. Information Theory at that time provided solid "proofs" that practical solutions existed, but not how to actually achieve those solutions. Very interesting work with very smart people and progress was being made, but the predicted sophisticated source and channel encoding / decoding techniques in use today with video came later. In 1967 (still in college) I was working at Bell Labs in its Guided Wave Research Laboratory in Crawford Hill, NJ, there focused on future optical transmission systems to overcome the very difficult limitations on transmission channel bandwidth. Also, very interesting work; one of my ideas resulted in a patent which Bell Labs litigated successfully. But it was a few years later before the breakthroughs occurred with optical materials and fabrication techniques that has led to the widespread use of fiber optic cable systems today.

Ham operators and the general public today routinely use very sophisticated digital communication devices and systems based upon Information Theory breakthroughs over the past 50 years. What is coming next?



# INDOOR HAMFEST & TAILGATE EVENT

**Saturday, June 20th, 2026**

[Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School](#)

13833 Dumfries Rd, Manassas VA 20112

Colgan is a state-of-the-art High School in Prince William County that was opened in 2016, we will be using doors #33 and #34

Please watch for signage at the school

**GENERAL  
ADMISSION**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 8  
AM**  
**\$10.00 PER PERSON**

**INSIDE VENDORS**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 7 AM**  
**\$25 PER TABLE**  
**INCLUDES 1 SIX FOOT  
ROUND TABLE, 1 CHAIR  
& 1 ADMISSION TICKET**  
**ADDITIONAL TABLES**  
**\$20 PER TABLE**

**TAILGATE**  
**SET UP AT 7 AM**  
**\$15 PER PARKING  
SPACE**  
**DOES NOT INCLUDE  
ANY**

**VA QSO  
PARTY  
AWARDS**

**ARRL  
TABLE**

**DOORS CLOSE  
AT 12:30 PM**

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6565 MOOSE DR, GLOUCESTER VA 23061

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LEAVE WITH STASH!**



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[www.mparc.net](http://www.mparc.net)  
[www.mparchamfest.com](http://www.mparchamfest.com)

# REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2026 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, including your e-mail address, telephone number(s) and nine digit ZIP. Note: please check online at <https://w4ovh.net> for ways to do this renewal online.

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION  
“OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB”  
for 2026**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 **\$25.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2026. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$12.50. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or at lower level [ list school attended and grade or level: \_\_\_\_\_ ] are only \$12.50. Dues must be current to be eligible to vote in the February 2025 election of officers for 2025.

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**  
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