

OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

August 2026

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

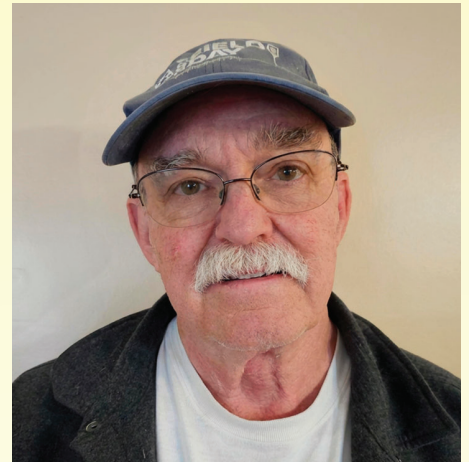
PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

August started with the Berryville hamfest. There a fairly good turnout despite the rain. Theresa / KG4TVM and I saw a number of OVHers including Rob / KR4EEV, Byron / AK4XR, and Mark / WA4KFZ. See image below.

As this is written, we have scheduled an OVH VE session on Saturday, August 15th and also a memorial service for Paula, xyl of Ken / KN4DD on the same day.

We have the Willing Warriors bike ride upcoming on September 12th at which the many OVH participate in providing communications support. It is a good public service event and you get a t-shirt and free lunch if you participate. Andy / KJ4MTP is still looking for some more volunteers. For more details and to volunteer, go to <https://www.bikereg.com/volunteers-warrior-ride>.

Finally, Theresa / KG4TVM has scheduled and set up a club POTA activation event and picnic for us on Sunday, September 20th at Sky Meadows State Park in relatively close by Delaplane, Virginia. If you do or are interested in POTA events or would like to learn how, be sure to plan to attend. Feel free to bring family and friends. OVH will provide hotdogs and it would be nice if you are able to bring something to share. To help Theresa plan for the food needed, please let her know you are coming via email to



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Thurs - 8:00 PM Local Time		

HAMFEST 2026 - CHAIR

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Open - volunteer needed!

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WARRIOR BIKE RIDE - CHAIRMAN

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Luther	WA3FMO	361-4885
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NEWSLETTER

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

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PROGRAMS

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QUARTERMASTER

Open - volunteer needed!

THURSDAY NIGHT NET / REPEATER CONTROLLERS

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SUNSHINE

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kg4tvm@hotmail.com. More details about this will follow.

Hope to see you at the upcoming regular meeting on Tuesday evening, August 18th.

73 John KG4NXT

Sunshine Corner



Happy Birthday wishes to all of the following OVH club members with birthdays in August: Andy / KJ4MTP, Ken / KD4VA, John / KK4TCE, Karl / W4KRL, Chick / KC1PIA, Stu / W4PR, Duane / KK4BZ, and Raymond / KK4AQR.



I just recently went thru our membership list and compared it to the birthday list I have. There are quite a few members who I don't have birthday months for. So, if you don't see your name listed in your birthday month, please let me know at my email: kg4tvm@hotmail.com

John / KG4NXT and I traveled to Berryville for their Hamfest on August 2nd. As we pulled in at the hamfest, the sky opened up on us for about 20 minutes. There were already a large number of tailgaters set up and they had tables in 3 buildings with a nice crowd by 8:15 in the morning. Rain held off until just after 10 and started up again so we headed back to Manassas. Even with the questionable weather, it looked like a good turnout.

Best of luck for a great school year as all the kids head back to class.

The Willing Warriors Bike Ride this year will be on Saturday, September 12th. OVH supports this event by having club members out on the bike course and providing radio communications. To volunteer you will need to go to the website and fill in your information at <https://www.bikereg.com/volunteers-warrior-ride>.

Another OVH event in September will a POTA activation – Parks on the Air, at the Sky Meadows State Park in Delaplane, Virginia. That will be on Sunday, September 20th from 10 am until 1 pm. in the picnic area. The State Park charges a \$10 per car fee to get into the park. If you already are involved in POTA, this is a state park so it would count for an activation if you get 10 or more contacts. If you are interested in learning more about POTA, this will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered. This is just one of many beautiful state parks in Virginia and is relatively close by to the Manassas area. Bring the family, this is a great park to wonder around in! The park address is 11012 Edmonds Lane, Delaplane, Virginia. I have obtained a special use permit for us to use the park on September 20th for this event. We will be cooking hotdogs on the grill for lunch. Please email or call me to let me know if you are coming so I can make sure we have enough food, cell 703-257-3566 or kg4tvm@hotmail.com. For more info on the park, go to <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/sky-meadows>.

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Please make sure the club has your correct call sign and mailing address on our website in the member's only section – w4ovh.net

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!

Please send me your news, good, not so good and ham related info! kg4tvm@hotmail.com

Happy end of summer!

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

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held on July 21, 2026:

General – President John Heartney / KG4NXT called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on July 21, 2026. The club meeting was held in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. All present stated their names and callsigns. There were 15 attendees at the club meeting.

Program – John / KG4NXT presented a video on the best handheld transceivers that was very informative.

Minutes - The minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting were approved.

Financial Report – Theresa / KG4TVM gave the financial report for Don / WA2SWX. There is \$15,747 in the club account.

Membership business – Luther / WA3FMO, had one item of business. Hasani Williams (no call yet) was read into the club. W4OVH will have a membership vote at the August W4OVH club meeting.

Repeater Report – Repeaters are operating as normal.

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ, reported that there be a Volunteer Examiner (VE) session on August 15, 2026 and setup will begin at 8:00 am and the exam session will start at 8:30 am. The location is Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd, Chantilly, VA 20151.

Website Report – Lynn KX4HR, noted that the website is up and running and plug-ins are up to date.

Hamfest – Theresa / KG4TVM, reported on the Hamfest. The Hamfest went very well and it is estimated that there were 300 attendees. The total income from the Hamfest was \$4539 and expenses were \$1965. The club made a net income of \$2573. Theresa noted the lack of OVH members at the Hamfest. Next year's Hamfest will be discussed at the September OVH meeting.

POTA and Family picnic – Theresa / KG4TVM announced that there will be a family picnic and POTA some time in September. The date will be finalized later.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT reported on Field Day. See the full article at the w4ovh.net web site.

SunshineCorner – Theresa / KG4TVM, noted the birthdays for July. A memorial service for KenBrant's wife Paula, will be held at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032 on Saturday August 15, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Christmas Parade – The Christmas parade is set for December 5, 2026.

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Old Business – None

New Business –:Theresa / KG4TVM, has been in contact with Sky Meadows State Park to set up for a POTA event and hot dog cookout. We will be at the park on Sunday, September 20th starting at 10 am and wrapping up around 1 pm. This is open to all club members - who are interested in POTA, already participate with POTA or just want to have a hot dog lunch. The address for the park is 11012 Edmonds Ln., Delaplane, VA 20144

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

August 14-16, 2026 - HamX - The Northeast HamXposition in Marlborough, Massachusetts which is about an hour drive west of Boston. This three day event is certainly not close by, but it is a major hamfest that might be worth visiting. More info at <https://hamxposition.org>

August 15, 2026 (Saturday) The Cincinnati Hamfest in Owensville, Ohio, also not close by, but this is a major hamfest that might be worth visiting. See, cincinnatihamfest.org for more info.

September 5, 2025 (Saturday) - Page Valley Tailgate Hamfest, 7:00am - 1:00pm., Elkton, Virginia, about 1.5 hr drive from the Manassas area. See, Flyer later in this Newsletter. -

OVH RELATED EVENTS

August 15, 2026 (Saturday) 8am - 11am - an OVH VEC ham license examination session has been (tentatively) scheduled at the Chantilly Regional Library - Chantilly Conference Room. Check with Mark at wa4kfz@outlook.com for updates and more details.

Balloon Launch event that was aborted during Field Day in June due to adverse weather - not specifically rescheduled yet, but likely to be scheduled on a weekend on short notice. Keep an eye on the members-only email reflector.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS

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

September 12, 2026 (Saturday), the Ninth Annual Willing Warriors- Warrior Ride on bicycles, headquarters / starting points at The Farm Brewery at Broad Run, Virginia. The bicycle courses are 9 miles or 21 miles on gravel roads. OVH members (and others) provide communications support for the event. The page is live at <https://www.bikereg.com/volunteers-warrior-ride> -- go there to register as a ham volunteer or contact OVH member, Andy Gamponia at (703) 786-4651

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://pwcared.org> for the latest PWC ARES updates. Complete direct contact information for David / KG4GIY also appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.



PVARC TAILGATE EXTRAVAGANZA



The Page Valley Amateur Radio Club's Tailgate Hamfest

The PVARC Tailgate Extravaganza will be held September 5, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Jr OUAM Park, 900 Shenandoah Avenue, Elkton, Virginia. This is an outdoor event, rain or shine. Bring your tables and canopy.

Gates open at 6:30 a.m. ♦ Door Prizes. ♦ Location 38.41812, -78.62024

♦ Talk-in: 146.625 tone 131.8 ♦ Free Parking ♦ Handicap Accessible

♦ Light Refreshments Available ♦ Some shelter spaces are available

Admission: \$5 * Space Fee: \$15 (Setup 6:30 am). No reservations needed.

For PVARC paid, active members, admission is free, and members are set up at no charge.



Directions:

From Charlottesville, take 29 N to 33 W to 340 N; **from Winchester**, take 81 S to 33 E to 340 N; **from NOVA** take 66 W or 211W to 340 S to Elkton; **From Roanoke**, take 81 N to 33 E to 340 N. Turn onto Shenandoah Ave at the lights.



Reservations are not necessary. Inquiries may be directed bsnellings@gmail.com. Amateur radio and radio-related equipment only, please. Severe weather date Sept. 26, 2026