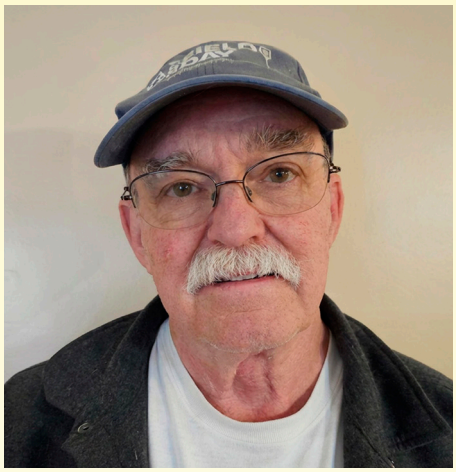
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November 2026

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:



At our next OVH meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, we will have a presentation on advanced POTA gear and software by new OVH member Glen / KA0SOC. Expect to see a portable carbon fiber vertical with tuner built into the loading coil. Also expect to see some non-WSJT-x FT8 software. Thanks to Byron / AK4XR, access to this meeting should be available via Zoom - see info below.

OVH Training Chairman, Mark / WA4KFZ scheduled a VE session which was held on Halloween day - during the day. All applicants who took an exam at that VEC session passed; as a consequence, that session resulted in new Generals and one new Extra. The VEs helping were AK4XR / Byron, KG4GIY / David, KN4GDX / Bruce, KX4HR / Lynn, KY4MM / David and KN4DD / Ken.



After our last regular OVH meeting in October, a number of OVH members arranged to participate in the pumpkin ride sponsored by the Fauquier Amateur Radio Association (FARA). It was a bike ride with pumpkin goodies at every rest stop except Rest Stop 1. Gene / N4HFW and I manned Rest Stop 1. The overall ride was chaired by Scott / KR4BNF and was well attended. See image to the right.

Looking forward, Greg / KM4CCG is chairing the "Fall for the Park" event in Manassas Park on November 14th. This is a new event at Bloom Park - which used to be a golf course. In addition, OVH will support the Turkey trot on Thanksgiving morning. We have a big event upcoming on December 5th - The Manassas Christmas Parade which is being

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chaired this year by Rob / KR4EEV. This is probably the OVH's most publicly visible event of the entire calendar year and starts with a free breakfast for the OVH participants. The OVH trailer is again going to be a float in the parade and will be pulled by Sam / KQ4SL. See you there!

The day after the parade, the OVH will have its big social event to the year, the OVH Holiday - Year End party. All active club members will receive an invitation to that via postal mail. Feel free to bring your family and friends. Theresa / KG4TVM has managed to arrange for the OVH to have use of the big room at the Buckhall VFD so there will be plenty of room for everyone. See you there also.

At our last regular OVH meeting in October, we tested a Zoom link to the meeting for long time OVH member, Wayne / N7QLK, now in Florida. At the upcoming meeting, we are planning to open a Zoom meeting to everyone, but there may still be some kinks. Big thanks to Byron / AK4XR for making this happen. The Zoom link URL address will be:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88533597628?pwd=aPonGnkN92cgdyOMoFrlUOWBKatiuv.1

Hope to see you live or via Zoom at the upcoming meeting on November 17th at 7:30pm!

73 John KG4NXT

Sunshine Corner



Happy Birthday wishes to all of the following OVH club members with birthdays in November: Wayne / N7QLK, Kevin / W4RKU, Butch / W4HJL, Baofang / KK4JFK, Theresa / KG4TVM, Jerry /KR4EZZ, Greg / KM4CCG, Zachary / KQ4RIS, Jeff / WB4TT, Charlie / WA4YGI, James / KA4BOL, Paul / KO4GZR, Ken / K3KBF and Jonathan / KQ4NPB.



Our club is very fortunate to have many military members. Happy Veterans Day to all of them!

Congratulations to Dianne / KI4FVV for being voted in as a member of Manassas City Council.

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 kg4tvm@hotmail.com

John KG4NXT and Byron AK4XR are working on setting up ZOOM meetings for the club's monthly meetings for those who are unable to attend in person. Trial run will be this November meeting. If you need more info or help setting up, please contact John or Byron.

Saturday, November 14th, Greg KM4CCG is chairing a 5k run in Manassas Park, if you

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can help, please let Greg know, he could use another person or two, ggresham1@gmail.com

On Thanksgiving Day, several of us will be at the Freedom Center campus for the annual Turkey Trot event; thanks to those that have volunteered to help, a write up about that will be in the December Newsletter.

Saturday, December 5th – the Manassas Christmas Parade event will take place. We could still use a few more volunteers for the parade route. Thanks to Sam / KQ4SL for volunteering to pull the club trailer in the parade and I think his son, Oliver, will be doing a ride along! Rob / KR4EEV is the club lead for this event parade and his email is KR4EEV@gmail.com

Sunday, December 6th – the Year End OVH Holiday Party will take place at a new location and a new time. The location is Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, same place where we have our monthly club meetings, but we will be in the big room next to the training room. This is a family event so bring your significant other! Please bring a dish to share. The club will provide turkey, ham, sodas, water and paper products. See you at 7190 Yates Ford Road, 5 pm to 7:30 pm., wear some holiday sparkle! RSVPs are appreciated but not required to: kg4tvm@hotmail.com

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

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

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!



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

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held on October 20, 2026:

General – President, John Heartney / KG4NXT, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on October 20, 2026. The club meeting was held in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. All present stated their names and callsigns. It was exciting to have 20 attendees at the club meeting.

Program – Bruce / KN4GDX, gave a presentation on Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Emergency Communications (R3EC). R3EC maintains an established voice/repeater network and recently established a digital communications capability. The system is intended for Grid Down communications via HF and VHF and relies on national, regional and local sources. The presentation focused on options and approaches for EMCOMM data sharing.If you are interested in more information, go to r3emcomm.org or contact Bruce at KN4GDX@gmail.com.

Minutes – The minutes of the September 2026 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Theresa / KG4TVM noted there would be no report this evening.

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Membership – Donald Warf / KR4OUS, Technician class, was voted into W4OVH. His interests are SSB, and he was a member of Manassas CERT. Narayan / KN6NTX, General class, was read into the W4OVH radio club. His interests are packet radio,SATCOM, networking, systems integration, and drones. He is currently building out a cargo van to travel the world.

Repeater – No report.

ARES – No report.

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

Training – Mark / WA4KFZ reported that David / KG4GIY donated several tablets and Mark is setting them up for license candidates to take the VE amateur radio exams. Major shoutout to David / KG4GIY, for donating the tablets which are a huge improvement from the ancient laptops. The next exam session will be Saturday, October 31st at the Chantilly Regional Library.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM, noted the OVH officers and directors got together this month for a brief meeting to discuss the budget, the Year End Holiday party and 2027 Hamfest.

Thanksgiving Turkey Trot – OVH's help has been requested on Thanksgiving Day for the annual Turkey Trot held at the Freedom Center in Manassas. The race starts at 8:00 am and is usually over in about 2 hours. We need 3 to 4 volunteers to be on the course.

POTA – Theresa / KG4TVM, announced that OVH will hold a Parks-On-The- Air (POTA) event on October 24, 2026, at the Manassas Battlefield during the Support your Parks event. Watch the OVH email Reflector for more specifics and details.

W4OVH Holiday Party – Sunday, December 6th will be the OVH Holiday Party at a new location and a new time. A card invitation will be postal mailed in November to all active OVH members. The location will be the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department, the same place OVH holds it regular monthly club meetings. We will be in the large room next to the training room. This is a family event, and please bring a dish to share. The club will provide turkey, ham, sodas, water and paper products.

Manassas Christmas Parade – Theresa / KG4TVM, announced that the Christmas parade will be on December 5, 2026, and volunteers are needed for the parade route. Also, we need someone to pull the club trailer through the parade. Rob, KR4EEV is the club lead for the parade, and he is having a planning meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at Hog Shack on Dumfries Road.

Old Business: None; **New Business:** None; Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

No nearby hamfests scheduled in November or December.

OVH RELATED EVENTS

Saturday, December 5, 2026 early morning for the Manassas Christmas Parade, OVH volunteers needed to provide communications for the parade route and we also need someone to pull the club trailer thru the parade. Rob / KR4EEV will be in charge this year with assistance from George / K4GVT who will not be able to attend due to travel. More info to follow - check the OVH's member's only email reflector.

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Sunday, December 6, 2026, the OVH Holiday Party family event, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the Buckhall Fire Station, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas. See, Sunshine Corner, above for more.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS

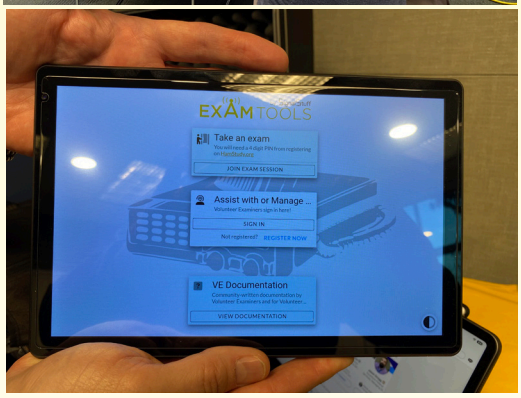
See, https://www.arrl.org/contests for the ARRL maintained Contesting web page; see also, NG3K.com and https://contestcalendar.com by WA7BNM for more radio contesting info!

PUBLIC EVENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

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.

VE Session Report for 31 October 2026





The OVH VE team led by Mark / WA4KFZ, held another successful exam session on Saturday, October 31st, at the Chantilly Regional Library. A total of four applicants attended, and everyone passed the exam being taken on the first try. We now have three new General Class operators and one new Amateur Extra Class operator in our local Ham radio community.

This was the OVH's first opportunity to use the Android tablet computers graciously donated to the club by David / KG4GIY. The tablets are a HUGE improvement over the old laptop computers and make bringing equipment to the testing location much easier! I will eventually donate a rolling case to make equipment transport even more convenient next time.

Thank you to the VE team members who helped out with this: Byron / AK4XR, David / KG4GIY, Bruce / KN4GDX, Lynn / KX4HR, David / KY4MM and Ken / KN4DD.

Some Possibly Interesting or Useful Information

SKYWARN. The ARRL has a standing agreement with the National Weather Service (NWS) concerning volunteer amateur radio operators who have been Skywarn trained to be local storm spotters who can assist the NWS's WFOs (Weather Forecast Offices) throughout the US. See, https://weather.gov/skywarn Free, local training is needed to qualify for Skywarn so that eventual storm spotter reports to a local WFO will be helpful and useful. See, https://weather.gov/skywarn/va-skywarn You need interest in the subject but do not need a science or math background for basic skywarn training. If you have still more interest in learning about meteorology, the free to use https:meted.ucar.edu web site offers hundreds of online meteorology training courses from basic, intermediate to advanced. Several OVH members are active in Skywarn if you need more information.