



# WATTS

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## Happy Holidays!

Well, another year has come and gone. The holiday season is upon us once again. 'Tis the season for friends & family to come together, office parties, egg nog, Christmas cookies, & other holiday cheer. The NVFMA Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous & Happy New Year. The coming of the new year means it's time once again for Board of Director elections. This year we will have 3 directors whose term is up. They are Ed Harris, KE4SKY, Wallace Johnson, KF4QQP, and Howard Cunningham, WD5DBC. Wallace has expressed a desire not to run again for the board for another term. Also, Tom Graves, W4PDW has advised that he must step down from his position on the board for personal reasons. Therefore we will have a total of 4 positions available for the new year. The Board is looking for nominations of members interested in serving on your Board of Directors. Please send an e-mail to [wa3utl@arrl.net](mailto:wa3utl@arrl.net) if you are interested in serving, or know of someone who is. We would like to have at least six to eight choices available on our slate of nominees. As always, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the upcoming January meeting which will be held, Thursday, January, 17, 2002 at 7:30 PM at the Dominion Power offices. Please plan to attend and exercise your vote.

## Change in Dues Structure

At the December Board of Directors meeting at Fairfax County Fire Station 13 in Dunn Loring, the Board voted to make a change in the dues structure of the Association. Effective Jan 1, 2002 there will no longer be a \$5.00 initiation fee to join the Association.

Annual dues will be increased from \$20.00 to \$25.00. As always, additional family members will be half price, or \$12.50. This is the first increase in dues in a number of years and is necessary for continued maintenance and upgrading of the Association's repeaters.

## Membership Meeting Reminder!

The next membership meeting will be held on  
**Thursday, January 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.**  
at  
Dominion Virginia Power  
3901 Fair Ridge Drive  
Fairfax, VA  
(off Route 50, East of the Fairfax County Parkway)  
Hope to see you there!

## Second Auction to be held

Back by popular demand, a second Auction will be held at the upcoming January meeting. The first auction was such a success and a lot of fun that we have been requested to have another auction at the next meeting.. In case you missed the last one, here's your chance to help clear out your shack and help the association at the same time. Please dig through your shack for 'hamfest' type goodies that you (or your XYL) would like to see disappear from your shack. Your donations will be sold at auction at the meeting with the proceeds going towards the .79 repeater fund. We had a great deal of fun last time, and this should be no exception. Maybe Ed will find another CB for his brother this time, Hi Hi. It's a lot of fun to see what kinds of toys folks bring in & everyone will have that chance to take something home that 'you just can't live without'. Please remember to bring out those checkbooks and join in the fun. See you there!

## HELP WANTED:

This year the Vienna Wireless Society Hamfest will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2002. As always, NVFMA will have a table inside and will be providing talk-in for the hamfest. We need volunteers to help throughout the day. If we can get several people to commit to a short one hour shift it will ease the burden on everyone and we all will be able to enjoy the hamfest. Please send an email to [ke4sky@arrl.net](mailto:ke4sky@arrl.net) and let him know what shift you would like to take. Many hands make light work, and it's a lot of fun meeting new people, and recruiting new members for our Association.

## The NVFMA Repeater:

146.19/146.79	NV4FM
146.31/146.91	NV4FM
222.50/224.10	W4YHD
442.025/447.025	KA3RQR

(all repeaters soon to utilize the NV4FM call)

## NVFMA Web Site:

<http://www.nvfma.org>

## NVFMA e-mail address:

[nvfma@nvfma.org](mailto:nvfma@nvfma.org)

## Bulletins & Nets:

NVFMA Bulletin  
Wednesdays at 8:00 pm on 146.79  
Bulletin Station: Steve, W4FMD

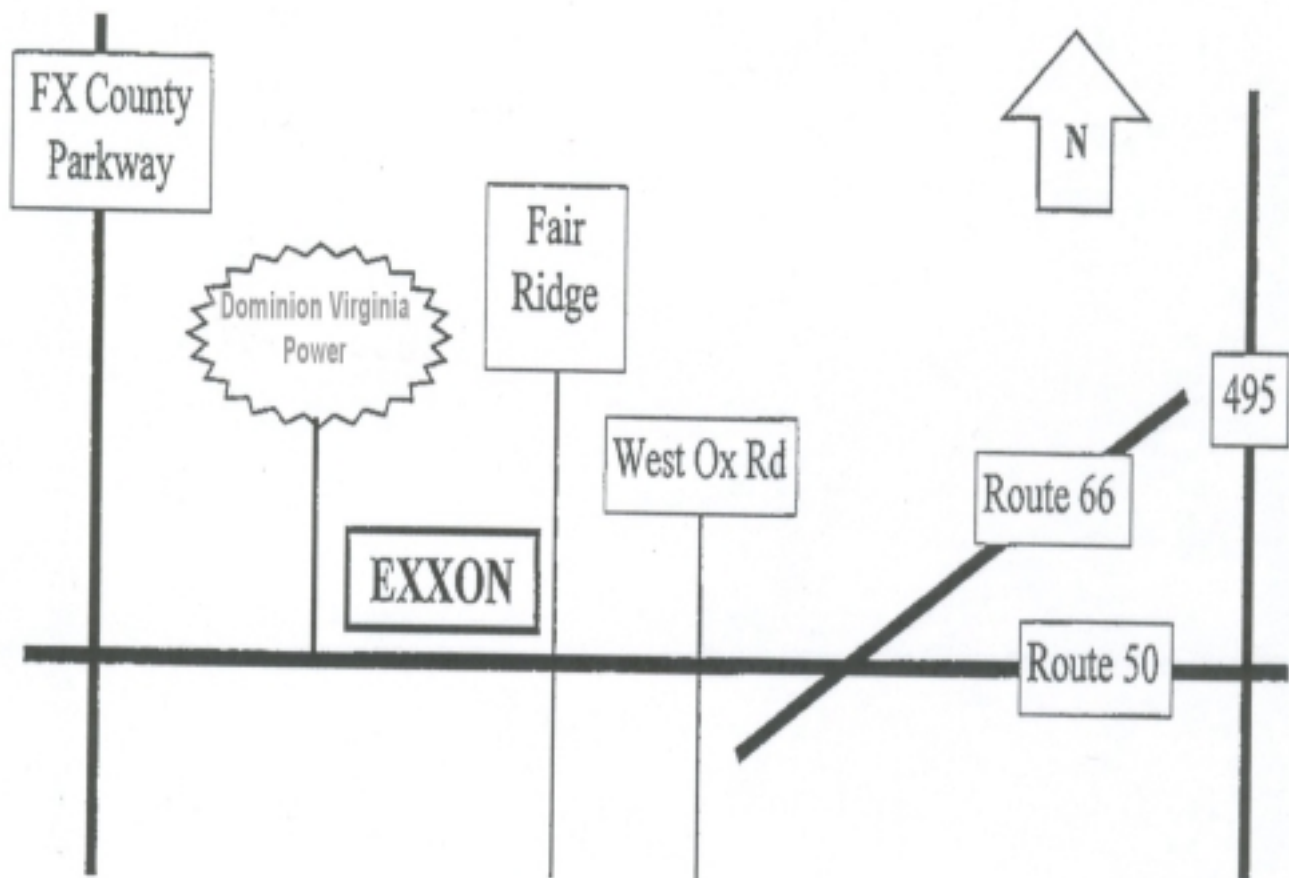
Fairfax County ARES Net  
Wednesdays at 8:15 pm on 146.79  
Following the NVFMA Bulletin.

QCWA Open Net:  
Sundays at 9:00 am on 146.79

National Capital ARES Regional Coordination Net

Sundays at 9:00 pm on 146.91

The Board of Directors would like to publicly thank Tommy Lucas, W4BTL, and John Transue, AF4PD for their assistance on the .79 repeater upgrade project. Tommy and John have been putting in many hours helping Red in this project. Thanks Guys - from all of us!



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