

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - November 6, 1999

The meeting called to order 10:15 PST in the Officers Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance

Members:	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP	Charles Jackson, W6KNO
	Dan Jackson, KL7IUX	Dave Jackson, KC6SSF
	Ralph Leon, W6NGE	Vern Orme, K6VEO
	Henry Primbsch, KK6PH	Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ
	Richard Secondari, K6TR	Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV
	Tom Trischan, N6AVB	Jim Waite, WA6EZJ
	Ken DeBrecht, W6NOV	

Guests: Josh Heide, KD6KML

The October meeting minutes were reviewed and the minutes were accepted. A correction was noted to the draft Radio Station Information sheet - the Wednesday schedule with the Lane Victory and the J. O'Brien is on 7245 MHz +/- (not 7250 MHz).

The donated ham gear has been inventoried and valued at \$2700 +/- and a letter of thanks will be prepared.

On Wednesday October 6, Pacific Bell began installation of the ISDN line to the ship. The new phone numbers are (510) 236-1264 for the radio room and (510)236-1257 Ship fax.

W6KNO reported that the ROVARC account has \$324 +/- . He also has received his GMDSS license - which is required for the radio operator of the ship during operation.

The floor was opened for nominations for club officers - there were no volunteers... Ivan moved that the existing officers be reinstated and the motion was seconded, and carried by a voice vote: 10 Yeas and 2 Nays.

Modifications to the ship's main radio were discussed. The "finals" may be by-passed to allow low power operation. Ivan is working on a revision plan. It was moved, seconded and the motion passed that: Any revisions to the on-board radio gear will require that a written plan be presented and approved by the ROVARC Board. All modifications will be recorded and kept in the Radio Log.

Roger spoke to the club briefly:

1. Make sure to close up the ship, close portholes tightly to keep rain out.
2. There is a bill in the Senate to fund the "Home Front," a City of Richmond and National Park Service joint venture to include "Rosie the Riveter" museum and the Red Oak Victory.
3. There will be a Veterans Day Dinner at the ship, cost is \$15/person.

WA6KCP - Gary is still working on the \$100 donation from PG&E.

N6AVB - Tom reported on a great trip through Panama and beyond.

K6VEO - The FCC has not refunded application fees yet.

W6KNO - Reports that the S.F. Maritime Museum display of Marine Radio is very good and worth visiting. Display includes a mockup of the Rider Victory Radio Room, plexiglass back on radio to allow viewing and recordings of commercial CW transmissions.

The ships web site at [qsl.net](http://www.qsl.net/redoakarc/) is available for viewing. 10 megs of space is provided and a donation of \$10/yr. is requested by the operator. The site is: <http://www.qsl.net/redoakarc/>

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The use of the clubs amateur radio equipment was discussed. Now that the club has HF gear a procedure is needed to insure its safety. Copies of the manuals will be made, simple operating sheets and a “test” will be prepared. Tom (N6AVB) and Sharon (AA6XZ) will prepare these materials.

For ship radios the Lane Victory may be a source of parts, since they may have collected parts for the Mackay Radios which they would not need.

The application for ARRL club affiliation was completed.

The next ROVARC meeting was set for 10:00 AM PST on December 4, 1999 in the Officers Mess.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am PST.

Respectfully submitted: David Jackson,
Secretary, Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club