

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2000

The meeting called to order at 10:14 am PST in the Officer's Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance

Members(12):	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP	Jim Waite, WA6EZJ
	Dave Jackson, KC6SSF	Vern Orme, K6VEO
	Toni Dill, KF6ZCW	Vicki Cero, KF6ZCT
	Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV	Jim Cardillo-Lee, KE6VGV
	Bob Blohm, KE6ZWO	Daniel Jackson, WA6SCN
	Rich Secondari, K6TR	Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV

Guests(1): Brian Wkrich?, KG6AQT

The meeting minutes were reviewed and the following correction noted: the club met in the Officer's Mess (not the Crew's Mess). Introductions were done around the room.

WA6KCP (and others) noted the following:

- Reminder for everyone that there is a ships net each Wednesday, 10:00 am on 7245 kHz. Anyone can check-in - not just operators on ships.
- QSL card signing "party" was a success on Saturday, October 14th. Gary, Rudolf, Vern and Ivan completed the cards.
- Following the signing party, the ship took part in the California QSO party and made over 20 contacts, without too much effort.
- We are still looking for nominations for club officers for next year. We will need replacements for: President, Treasurer, both Vice-Presidents, and possibly the Secretary. As there were no nominations or volunteers, the current officers will continue to serve until replacements can be found - as per the ROVARC Charter.
- Discussion continued as to ideas for club activities to increase interest and participation. This years activities - Museum Ships Special Event by the USS Salem, Calif. QSO Party. And the possibility of having a presence at the Veteran's Day activities on the ship. On Nov 11th the ship will have a dance and memorial ceremony for the veterans, starting in the afternoon.
- Further club exposure is possible with an article in "World Radio"

New Business:

Training and Licensing for commercial operation was discussed. Dan Young of San Francisco does testing for the GMDSS licenses. The US Coast Guard Web site and W5YI's web site have the test questions and answers. Also, W5YI has a CD-ROM available with the questions and further information. The test pool contains over 1400 questions and the test has 73!

KC6SSF gave a short report on the ships inventory of wire antennas that have been salvaged. None on the assemblies seem to match the original configuration for the main antenna. There were a few "dipoles", some strange assemblies and some assemblies that appear to be leads to the main antennas. Rod Deakman of the J. O'Brien has a source of wire.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:10 AM PST

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on December 2, 2000 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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