

# Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am PDT in the Officer's Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

### Attendance

#### Members(8):

Ken DeBrecht, WB6NOV  
Dave Jackson, KC6SSF  
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI  
Rich Secondari, K6TR

Gary Elliott, WA6KCP  
Vern Orme, AA6YE  
Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV  
Jim Waite, WA6EZJ

#### Guests(1):

John Wood, KF6HFA

The meeting minutes for September were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

### Old Business:

- Ken reported that the depth sounder was put in operation, Jim Walling helped.
- Ken reminded everyone to start thinking about Club nominations for next year. The initial slate is the same as this years(basically no volunteers). Nominations will be excepted during the November meeting also and elections are in December.
- Gary reported that the watertight door may not have to be water tight after all!
- The special event station with Don Hubbard, KG6ECI, and crew was in operation all weekend and doing a good job of getting the ROV advertised.

### New Business:

- Ken asked those present if Coast Guard training materials would be good to get and review. The consensus was Yes.
- Jim Waite suggested that we get a radio onto the bridge tuned to the "Ship Traffic" channel - to raise interest and make the ship seem more alive.
- Reminder that the SF Museum operates its radio station on the first weekend of each month. Gary will check with the Salem to see if this station could qualify as a "ship" for the museum ship event.
- Nominations for club officers were requested.(see above).
- Ken quizzed each member present on activities and the direction of the club and a discussion ensued. The following ideas were brought up:
  - Continue supporting the ROV operation and refurbishment.
  - Try to plan activities for better participation, possible BBQ.
  - Additional activities like ARRL Field Day and maybe co-locate with another club.
  - Work on the radio room, get the old gear operating and the wire antennas up.
  - Do more special events or contests and ham operating.
  - Attend public events to advertise the ship and the club, for example the "Solano Stroll".
  - Have greater participation in the Wed weekly "Ships Net" - 10:00 Local Time, 7245 KHz.(please remember some of us WORK!).
  - Prepare a public information brochure.
  - Get a dedicated work space setup for the club, with test equipment and a locked door. This would encourage more equipment and work to be done on the radios...
  - Set up an APRS station.

### Also discussed:

The EBARC meets on the second Friday at 7:30 PM, at the Salvation Army on Appian Way.

Check with World Radio Mag. to get our meeting on their list.

Should the club look for used equipment to outfit the ship for operation? Better to wait and collect money. Then get equipment that will meet current regulations when the ship is ready for operation.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:45 AM PDT

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST(assuming Ken sets his clock right) on November 3, 2001 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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