

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - August 3, 2002

Attendance

Members(14): Peter Hoffman, W6DEI; Vern Orme, AA6YE; Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ; Ken DeBrecht, NB6NOV; Ralph Leon, W6NGE; Jim Waite, WA6EZJ; Gary Elliott, WA6KCP; John Larson, K6AUC; David Jackson, KC6SSF; Vicki Cero, KF6ZCT; Rich Secondari, K6TR; Capt. Jim Nolan; Charles Jackson, W6KNO and Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV.

Visitors(2): Dennis Franklin, K6DF and Charles Hayes, W6DYM

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Pres. Ken DeBrecht

The meeting minutes for July were reviewed and approved.

Museum Ships Special Event. There was a discussion on the Special Event and how well it went. Gary and Peter both noted it was a great experience, and detailed their experiences. Gary was aboard the ROV and Peter was aboard the USS Potomac. A long discussion ensued on the topic of how completely the ROVARC should QSL. The operators for the event on the ROV made over 1200 contacts and it will be expensive to QSL all of them. However, many members felt that this is a great opportunity for out-reach. Dennis Franklin volunteers for the Pampanito and they make an effort to QSL 100%. It was also recommended that applications for the ROV association should be included in the mailing. Currently ROVARC doesn't have any QSL cards. Following more discussion, Gary, Peter and Charles were appointed (shanghaied?) to the QSL committee. (hopefully, one out of fifteen contacts will join the club, this would more than repay the expected cost of QSLing 100% of the contacts, and would mean 80 new members for the club and maybe the Ship too.)

A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to purchase new QSL cards and QSL 100% of the contacts from the Museum Ships Special Event. Included in the envelopes will be applications for both the ROV association and the ROVARC. Charles will donate the envelopes.

Dennis further reported on the activities of the Pampanito: their club has about 13 members and is supported by the museum financially. The club meets at the Pampanito on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm local time. email contact: KQ6VH@attbi.com; web page: <http://www.qsl.net/nj6vt/>. They had 4 operators on the air on Sat. only of the Special event. Additionally, the sound crew for the sub movie "K-19" took many recordings on the Pampanito and the boat did get into the credits - way at the end...

John Larson reported that he has brought a computer to donate aboard, setup work to follow meeting.

Captain Nolan will try and schedule a visit to one of the ships in the Ready Reserve Fleet. Our preferred date would be the first Saturday in October, 5th, so that we could visit the ship in lieu of a regular meeting. We will review GMDSS installations and Ken will try to get us aboard the Hornet. Ivan mentioned we should try to see radio room 1 and 2 if possible.

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It was reported that contact was made with Carter B. Smith, who is now an ex-radio host of station KABL. He was interested to learn about the ship.

Forms for name badges were distributed to members needing them.

Ivan reported that the Physic lab has donated a large amount of "good stuff", they had an auction of surplus materials, and we got the leftovers. a discussion followed with the result that the club needs to inventory the warehouse.

A discussion of the fate of the antennas setup for the special event and what ham antennas can be left up on the ship. Approval needs to come from the ROV executive committee. Another need is to install radio gear permanently in the aft ammo room.

A discussion followed about getting more involved in the ROV and the Rosie the Riveter National Park planning process. Below are contact information for these activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PDT on September 7, 2002 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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

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