

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2002

Attendance

Members(12): Bob Blohm, KE6ZWO Vern Orme, AA6YE
Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ Rich Secondari, K6TR Ralph Leon, W6NGE
Jim Waite, WA6EZJ Gary Elliott, WA6KCP David Jackson, KC6SSF
John Larson, K6AUC Tom Trischan, N6AVB Peter Hoffman, W6DEI
Vicki Cero, KF6ZCT
Visitors(3): Brendan Mulholland, James Rivard, and Kent Leech

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Acting Pres. Gary Elliott.

- Elections were held for officers of the club, following a short discussion and some negotiating the following slate of officers was elected by voice vote with no dissenters heard:

President - Gary Elliott

First Vice-president - John Larson

Second Vice-president - Open

Secretary - David Jackson

Treasurer - Peter Hoffman

- David presented information in an email from Larry Fitzsimons, status of various projects on the ship, quoted here: "IF Radio: No progress past the replacement of a couple of resisters. The oscillator circuit is still inoperative. Tim Wickard is still grinding crystals on his own time. I have told him that there is no rush, as we have not got a radio ready to use them yet, so he has not delivered them. QSL Cards: If we decide on what we want on the cards, I can get them printed as I did with the business cards. We can scan in a picture of a Liberty if we want. USAA magazine had a nice picture this last month. Reduced, it might look good. Cost for 200 postcards is on the order of \$45. Antenna waveguide trunk: Humble and abject apologies for the delay in completion of this project. We ran into some difficulty with the trunk itself. The top was truly destroyed, as Ivan mentioned. With some assistance from one of our newest members (John??), I was able to get the guides and insulators removed, and with a sawsall we cut off the top of the trunk. Capt. Nolan said that he could get the welding crew to make a replacement, and that he would remove the trunk and needle gun it to the bare metal and prime and paint. That project is taking longer than expected. The trunk was mostly removed when the 80 mph wind came thru and knocked it down cleanly. The pedestal has been dried and covered with plastic while we work on the trunk. The insulators and waveguides have been cleaned up and are in the radio shack. The insulators are in a milk carton, along with some anti-oxidant grease, behind the MF radio. The guides are suspended back there also. A new gasket was cut for the small insulator for the Vietnam era radio. I will try to get together with Capt. Nolan to move this project along further."

- John Larson further reported that the antenna trunk still needs welding and that he saw it off to the side of the ship. He will "birddog" to get it welded.

- John also reported that he is ready to stuff QSL envelopes. David reported that the envelopes were on the ship. He will include a club application form and information on the ship too, if it will make the first class wt limit.

- Kent Leech introduced himself - he was visiting, and a member of the Antique Radio Collectors Club.

- Allen requested an update on the engine room - Gary gave an update on what is expected at

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the upcoming haulout, given the funding restrictions.

- Vern delivered a number of QSL cards to Gary, who had worked the radios for the California QSL Party and on Veterans Day too.
- Gary expressed an interest in getting some Ham related articles published about the ROV and the ROVARC.
- The James and Brendan requested information on getting ham licenses, and they got an ear-full.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on January 4, 2003 in the Officers Mess.

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

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Vern Orme has an email too!! voaa6ye@frys.com

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