

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2002

Annual Dues are due! They are \$10 per year, send to: Charles Jackson, Treasurer, 18 Highgate Rd., Kensington, CA 95404.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am PST in the Officer's Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance

Members(15):	Ken DeBrecht, WB6NOV	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP
	Vern Orme, AA6YE	David Jackson, KC6SSF
	Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ	Zach Hamill, KG6ABA
	Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV	Larry Fitzsimons, KD6SPV
	Phil Dunlap, K6PHD	Jim Nolan
	Rich Secondari, K6TR	Jim Waite, WA6EZJ
	Henry Primbsch, KK6PH	Ralph Leon, W6NGE
	Ivan Sturman, W6PIV	

Guests(0): None

- After the meeting was called to order introductions were done around the room.
- Ken announced that the HF transmitter was successfully operated into a dummy load.
- Jim Nolan gave a presentation on the restoration process, fund raising, and getting active with the ship.
- Dues were collected and three new members joined the club.
- Ken reported that he made a presentation to a Santa Rosa maritime group about the Red Oak Victory and the radio club. They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Snoopy Ice Rink.
- Ivan reported that tubes are available free for non-profit organizations. However, he needs an official letter listing the tubes which are required by the club.
- John Woods sends his regards to the club!
- Ivan also reported that he has a source of 2.5 Amp-Hour lead-acid battery packs and displayed one to the club. The cells can be easily grouped for various voltages.
- Alan reported that Chevron no longer has any surplus items for donations - they are doing better at cleaning up, I guess!
- Gary suggested that everyone try to get to the SF Maritime Museum, which has a very good display of the radio room from a Victory ship. The radios are operated each first Sunday by volunteers. However, they have a fixed frequency, crystal only, as the VFO is inoperative.
- Jim reports that some of the radio gear is now stored in the First Engineer's quarters.
- A short discussion on GMDSS licenses centered on the test, available materials and training.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM PST.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on February 3, 2002 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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