

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2002

Attendance

Members(18): Peter Hoffman, W6DEI; Vern Orme, AA6YE; Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ; 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; Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV; Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ; Henry Primbsch, KK6PH; Larry Fitzsimons, AE9DZ; Owen Myers; and Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV.

Visitors(2): Gerry White, WB6IZE and Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ

Meeting was called to order at 10:17 am by Past Pres. Gary Elliott.

* The meeting minutes for August were reviewed and approved.

* Introductions were done around the room.

* Sharon announced that the CCCC picnic would be the next day, Sept 8, at the Miller Knox park, and that everyone was invited.

* Bill announced that the California QSO Party would be Oct. 5 and 6, 9:00 am Sat to 3:00 pm Sunday Pacific time. Check out the web page: <http://www.cqp.com>. Also that "PacificCon," the Pacific Conference for ARRL will be on Oct. 18, 19 and 20. They will be having a swap meet too!

* Gary asked who would like to operate the Calif QSO Party on the ship, about three people by show of hands.

* Captain Nolan has scheduled a visit to one of the ships in the Ready Reserve Fleet, the date is October, 5th, in lieu of the regular meeting. We will review GMDSS installations and will meet in parking lot in front of the USS Hornet. Meet and assemble at 9:30 am.

* Larry reported that business cards are available for \$66 for 250.

* Allen reported that there were study materials available for GMDSS from ETC of Petaluma. Also training at \$1145 for a 5 day class. 1-800-821-0906. Testing and study help following test is also available. Gary further reported that training is available from CMA and testing at \$50 per sitting and \$25 per element.

* Charles reported that not all checks have been reported, but that the balance is OK. Everyone should consider signing up for "EScrip," very easy to do.

* Sharon reported that the club received a donation of tubes from EBARC.

* Captain Nolan reminded everyone to join the ROV.

* Gary mentioned that he went to one of the National Park Service (NPS) public meetings and that very few people from the ROV were there. John expressed concern that the ship may not get a fair share of the proceeds when linked with the NPS, since funding of the NPS is not linked to income from activities. Captain Nolan expressed that the operation of the ship and tours on the ship would be separate from the NPS and there would not be a problem. Ivan stated that we could provide input into what activities were included in the Park and suggested that a small boat shop and welding demonstrations would be great. Also they are looking for personal experiences from people on the "Home Front" during WWII.

* The Pancake breakfast on ROV was announced, Sunday 9:00 am.

* Henry announced that EBARC would be having a swap meet in Sept. and everyone was invited.

* The location and installation of the new door to access the Aft Ammo hold was discussed at great length. Gary has moved forward and began installing a smaller than expected door in a

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location which is more visible than some members would like. This smaller door will make it more difficult for older members to access the area. The location is visible to the public from the door to the deck - this changes the look of the cabin from original. However, the location of the door was "approved" by Rolly of the ROV, the work is finally getting done and at a later date a larger door may be installed. A motion was placed before the club to have Gary continue installing the small door and his proposed location. The motion was seconded and by a voice vote passed with 16 yeas and two noes.

* John brought up the question of getting the ships wire antennas reinstalled and felt it was very important for continuing work on the ship's radios. He has done intense research and contacted wire manufacturers for information on the original feed lines - these were a type of shielded twin lead. Gary and John were in a disagreement on the location and construction of the antennas. Following an animated discussion, it was moved/seconded & passed that a smaller group of interested members would meet following the general meeting to work out what should be done next.

* Ivan suggested that the club needed a "Job Sheet," so that members could take on a task and know what needed to be done. Owen volunteered to get one started.

The meeting was adjourned with much relief.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 9:30 AM PDT on October 5, 2002 in front of the USS Hornet in Alameda.

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