

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - April 2, 2005

Attendance

Members (10): Dick Bezman, KG6SXM Peter Hoffman, W6DEI
Vicki Cero, KF6ZCT R.M. Secondari, K6TR
Tom Trischan, N6AVB Jim Waite, WA6EZJ
Vern Orme, AA6YE Gary Elliott, WA6KCP
Bret Foster, KG6GGT Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Dick Bezman.

Meeting Minutes were reviewed for March and approved.

The following items were reported:

- Sharon and Henry (I do not have their call signs) have made a donation of equipment to the club. Henry passed away recently and Sharon has asked for help inventorying for tax purposes. Also to help with a spread sheet of the equipment being donated. What ever the club does not need, Sharon will take to a swap meet. It is mostly test equipment. Jim, WA6EZJ and Peter, W6DEI will pick up.
- Peter removed the "comment" section off the club's web page as the spam was getting too much. He left an email number for comments with a way of blocking unwanted spam. He also added new pictures to the site.
- Jim Waite, WA6EZJ was crew member of the month!
- Bret Foster, KG6GGT brought in his application to become a member of the club.
- Dick, KG6SXM and Jim, WA6EZJ discussed what needs to be done in the boiler and a few thousand other things to do. Tom Bonard has a time schedule of sorts. Getting the boilers going, need air down there, vacuum out octane before starting...all before firing up boiler which hasn't been done for 40 years. Take it real slow, like a couple of days. Waiting for 'chief' and board meeting to discuss.
- Vern, AA6YE talked about his interaction with ARRL, FCC, licenses, and vanity calls. First choice for a third call sign would be K6ROV. He requested two names but one was not available. For license, USS RED OAK VICTORY is official name. Vern has licenses for both clubs. Vern felt the first duty was to appoint a control operator for each station. He asked Gary, WA6KCP to be Station Control Manager. NY6CI also needs someone as control operator. Gary volunteered for both as they have two different transmitters. Vern said it would be nice if there were two operators. So far Vern and Gary are the responsible parties. Vern says if station manager can only be General...not sure if Extra can go on board. Extra as controller would be a good idea he thinks. Peter, W6DEI said he would look at the written rules for our station equipment and report back.
- It was noted that the vertical antenna on deck was dead.
- Jim, WA6EZJ connected with Bob Blum (don't have his call sign), one of the club's past presidents, on the Wednesday morning call in...72.45 at 10:30. He was happy to finally hear from him. Jim reminded us to check in on Wednesday!
- Ivan, WB6PIV talked on three subjects: 1) Checking tubes (lots of boxes of tubes) for spares donated by Sharon. Peter, W6DEI said he had the boxes of tubes in his truck. Also said we need a spectrum analyzer and would bring all the 'stuff' over to the ship 2) Peter and he will be testing for General upgrade at West Contra Costa Tuesday. (??) 3) He has A Military History of WWII book for all to look at...lots of historical pictures, time lines, etc.
- Thanks to Tom Bonard (sign?) for making all the directional signs for visitors to the ship's new location.
- Thanks also to the Foss Tug and Ivan, Allen (WB6DXZ ?), Ron Jacobson, WA6CC (?) and his son Michael for helping on the ship's moving day.

Next meeting will be May 7, 10:00am on the ship.

Meeting adjourned about 11:00 am.