

## Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2000

The meeting called to order 10:15 AM PDT in the Crew's Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

### Attendance

**Members(11):**

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| Gary Elliott, WA6KCP | Charles Jackson, W6KNO   |
| Dave Jackson, KC6SSF | Vicki Cero, KF6ZCT       |
| Toni Dill, KF6ZCW    | Jim Cardillo-Lee, KE6VGV |
| Josh Heide, KD6KML   | Dan Jackson, KL7IUX      |
| Ralph Leon, W6NGE    | Henry Primbsch, KK6PH    |
| Dick Secondari, K6TR |                          |

**Guests(0):** none.

The June meeting minutes were read and no significant changes noted.

WA6KCP- Gary reported the following:

- The 4 of July BBQ was very good and the weather was great. The food was good but the lines were too long to wait in.
- The power supply for the Ship's Transmitter needs someone to make the bottom from sheet metal. A pattern is provided.
- The DMV plate had arrived but the new design "sticker" for Merchant Marine is not available from Calif DMV for 4 months!
- Mark is still trying to get the two meter net started for the ROVARC. We took a head count of who are members of EBARC and the CCCC radio clubs. Not a majority of our members are in these clubs.
- KC6SSF suggested that maybe the San Rafael repeater on 147.33 could be used since some members are in the north bay.
- A sample of the ROVARC QSL card was handed around for comments - it looked very good, a few suggestions made for changes.
- The historic ships event put on by the USS Salem will be July 15 and 16. Gary is planning to have a station on the air for this event. KC6SSF will also try to attend. Some stations will be operating "AM" and some will be using original ship equipment.
- Station "KPH" will be revived for the anniversary of the last CW transmission on July 12th. This maybe an annual event to use "500 kc."

The club web page was discussed and a "hits" count was requested. A donation payment to the site was discussed. A motion was made to pay the web site for hosting our web page. It was seconded and passed by a voice vote. KC6SSF will make the contact and request reimbursement when paid.

News from the Museum meeting was discussed:

1. They will try to get both US Coast Guard and "ABA" certifications at the refitting haul out.
2. The breakfast fund raiser may become a monthly event.
3. Louis is now coordinating the use of the ships by groups for tours etc.
4. Drug testing and background checks will be required for all live-aboards.
5. PG&E electric bill is very high and they are trying to get relief from PG&E.
6. There is now a water bill also.
7. Next meeting for this group will be July 20.

The club members are not on the Museums mailing list - even though some have made significant contributions in the past. The ROVARC roster will be sent to the Museum.

Henry did a RF exposure review of the ships radio station, including the Ham equipment. The only problem is on 10 meters, the vertical antenna is too close to the deck and can be reached by anyone passing by. The suggestion was made to raise the antenna with a ten foot mast section, and until that was installed a warning tape should be used to keep people out of the area during operation.

Meeting was adjourned at about 11:24 AM PDT

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on August 5, 2000 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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

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