

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2001

(note: next meeting on Sept. 8 <<<<<the second Sat.)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am PDT (even though WB6NOV's watch was about 7 minutes fast) in the Officer's Mess aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance

Members(11):	Ken DeBrecht, WB6NOV	Daniel Jackson, WA6SCN
	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP	Charles Jackson, W6KNO
	Dave Jackson, KC6SSF	Vern Orme, AA6YE
	Peter Hoffman, W6DEI	Ralph Leon, W6NGE
	Rich Secondari, K6TR	Donald Waits, WD6DLR
	Henry Primbsch, KK6PH	

Guests(2): Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ, Oakland
Victor Lee, WV6O, Daly City

The meeting minutes for July were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

- The Museum Ships Special Event was a great success. Gary, Peter and Vern were aboard and logged something over 425 contacts. Some of them were local and were invited to the ship. QSLs will be sent later with inserts with museum information. The other SF area museum ships were noticed by their absence!
- The main ship radio circuits were reviewed by Henry. He determined that the full 120V is used for keying the transmitter. This is an unacceptable risk by today's standards. He submitted a schematic for an add-on circuit to bring the key voltage down. This was reviewed and options were discussed.
- The Club now has a sign up on the road with the park sign - thanks to Ralph!!!
- Name tag sign up sheet was sent around for those wanting one.
- The **Treasurer's report**, by W6KNO: an update of what's in the account will be available when he returns from his European trip(!). (Currently experiencing some computer problems - I told him to get a Mac...)
- EScript information is available online and everyone is encouraged to sign up.
- The club library was again discussed briefly. The consensus was to wait on collecting materials until the ammo hold or some other location was available for storage. WA6SCN emphasized the need for original manuals for the existing equipment. KC6SSF noted that manuals for many if not all the existing equipment had already been found.
- W6KNO reported that the ship satellite connection for Internet (reception only) still needed some work. Bob McGill will be setting it up.

New Business:

- **Fleet Trip!** WA6SCN and KK6PH are co-chairmen to setup a mothball fleet trip - soon. This trip would get equipment manuals, spare parts and investigate the retrieval of a gyrocompass as a spare for the ship.
- Antennas - None of the original antennas are in usable condition and new wire will be required to build the replacements. Dan Jackson will contact Rod Deakman as a possible source of wire. Gary noted that the rigging still needs to be inspected and repaired before we try to hoist the antennas.
- Ken asked for a volunteer to lead the review of the RDF in the chart room - no one stepped forward.
- W6KNO mentioned that we should be on the lookout for portable buildings - City of Berkeley will be getting rid of some next year.
- Ken reminded everyone to start thinking about Club nominations for next year. Nominations are accepted during the November meeting and elections are in December.
- KC6SSF mentioned that we can get exposure for the club and the ship by talking it up on the local repeaters.
- Gary had a trivia question: Were all the Victory class ships built on the west coast? (No, based on the USMM.org web site. also built in Maryland.)

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- The 'white' ships along side the Red Oak V were discussed, they are up for auction next week. Starting price rumored to be \$250,000. Big generators aboard.
- Don noted that he had worked on all the Victory Ships out of Richmond Yard #1, so he had walked all over this ship then.

Upcomming Events:

Pancake Breakfast on the Ship; Sunday August 12th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:24 AM PDT

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PDT on September 8, 2001 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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