

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am in the Officer's Mess of the *SS Red Oak Victory*.

Attendance

Members(13):

Ken DeBrecht, WB6NOV*	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP*
Vern Orme, AA6YE*	David Jackson, KC6SSF*
Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ	Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV
Larry Fitzsimons, KG6JID	Captain Jim Nolan
Jim Waite, WA6EZJ	Ralph Leon, W6NGE
Robert Blohm, KE6ZWO	Charles Jackson, W6KNO*
Henry Primbsch, KK6PH	

Guests(0):

none

* Board members.

- Ken gave a run down on the volunteers dinner given by the museum.
- KC6SSF announced that the ROVARC Library would be officially open following the meeting. Currently there are three copies of John Campbell's book: GMDSS: UNDERSTANDING THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM. He is still working on getting printed copies of the question pools. Also available later will be the URL for a web page with practice tests available on the Internet. It was suggested that a web page be added to the club site giving information to the members on where to find the study materials, and include links to the site for the USMM.
- An involved discussion on the need and the design for a ROVARC letterhead. KC6SSF will prepare one for review. Capt. Nolan mentioned that using the Museum letterhead would be more effective in some cases, especially for letters to government agencies.
- Larry reported that quite a bit of work is being done in the radio room. He is continuing the search for crystals and holders that will work for the 500 kHz and lower frequencies. he also made copies of the radio manual for daily use, thus preventing damage to the original. Capt. Nolan suggested that we check with the other Victory class ships - they may have extra parts or information we could use.
- Larry announced he had upgraded to Extra Class - good job Larry!!!
- Gary reported that the plans for the Museum Ships Special Event are moving forward, Peter Hoffman will be on the Potomac with call: W6P; Golden Bear will have Don Hubberd; Dennis Franklin will be on the Pampanito; and the Lightship Relief has a reserved call of W6R.
- Ken mentioned that he is the Amateur Station Trustee for the USS Hornet - although they do not seem interested in taking part in the event.
- • Reminder that there is a west coast museum ships net: Wednesdays, 10:00 am PDT on 7245 kHz, everyone is invited to checkin, even if KE6ZWO got a poor welcome the last time he checked in. This brought up the discussion of having SW radios tuned in to allow the tour guests to hear some "radio chatter." Some of the radios have been checked already and are operational.
- At this point: Gene Harper, a radio operator during WWII aboard the Temple Victory and an alumnus of Gallups Island radio school, stuck his head in for a visit and introduction.

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- The meeting minutes for April were reviewed and approved following the correction that Dennis Franklin (not Hamilton) will be aboard the Pompanito for the special event in July.
- Ivan reported that the tubes request letter had been sent and that the North Alameda County ARES/RACES club would like to get a group tour. The suggestion is that they come to a meeting or following so that our club members could meet them and give the tour.
- Amateur radio classes are continuing at the Alverado School, on Carlson Blvd, Richmond, 7:00 pm on Tuesday nights.
- There is another bus trip to Sacramento in search of funding from the State. It is on May 9th, leaving round 11:00 am - confirm with the ship if you can go to show support. They are hoping for at least \$1.3 million to get ship yard work done.
- The ship may be able to get Navy Reservists assigned to work on the ship again.
- Bob Blohm gave a short run down on his travels over the last year: he covered over 19000 miles, took a cruise to Alaska, and was camping with other Military retirees on September 11th. He will be a camp host at Stone Lagoon State Park this summer.
- W6KNO reminded everyone that veteran license plates are available. He also passed around some information on using bio-diesel and hopes to have the ship using it.
- Also signing up for eScrip is away to raise funds for the club, contact W6KNO for more information and an application.

The meeting was closed at about 11:28 am PDT.

The next ROVARC meeting will be 10:00 AM PDT on June 1, 2002 in the Officers Mess(if available).

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