

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2003

Attendance

Members(10):	Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ	Gary Elliott, WA6KCP
	Captain James Nolan	Charles Jackson, W6KNO
	Ron Smith, KE6RS	Jim Waite, WA6EZJ
	John Larson, K6AUC	Vern Orme, AA6YE
	Henry Primbsch, KK6PH	Don Waits, WD6DLR
	Rich Secondari, K6TR	David Jackson, KC6SSF

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Gary Elliott.

- Meeting minutes for February were reviewed and accepted as submitted.
- Gary reported that there was an article in the SF Chronicle in Feb. about the ROV and that he is emailing the author with corrections. Mainly that this ship operated as a Navy Cargo ship and as such did not have an "Armed Guard" aboard.
- Gary updated the club on Larry's work to research the history of the main ship's radio, by Mackey Radio/ Federal Telephone company.
- John announced the upcoming Code class which will dovetail with the No-Code Tech class being taught at Alvarado School. The code class will start on April 5 at 1:00 pm on the ship, at a location to be determined. The class will run ten weeks.
- John also reported that progress is being made on the antenna trunk.
- In addition, he is still waiting for materials to complete the stuffing of the QSLs for last years Historic Ship Event.
- Allen brought in copy disks of the GMDSS question pools.
- Gary mentioned that John Reed will be writing an article for the "National Historic Ship Association", they have a quarterly newsletter.
- Gary asked if anyone was willing to speak at the Volunteers Dinner on behalf of the club. (there were no volunteers...)
- Henry reported success in getting a pound of "sodium" grease for the motor generator set. The grease is : "Lubriko style M3."
- Gary made a motion that henry be the "lead" operator for the FT-106 radio, that is all work and operations would be reviewed by him to ensure the safety of the radio. By voice consent the motion was approved.
- Gary reported that Charles Jackson continues to support the ships operation with the donation of a Satellite DSL service. Although, it is not in operation yet.
- Ron Smith displayed and told the history of an old AM band radio receiver that he received from the son of an ex-Navy sailor. The radio label reads: "Navy Department, I-CRO-46286" "REO radio receiver" and has a wood case. Possibly built by Crossley Radio.
- John made a presentation on a plan that he has to greatly increase the participation, activities and exposure of the ROVARC. The plan would be an expansion of the Museum Ships Event to include special QSLs for operators that contacted the ROVARC on 17 different modes/bands. He presented an overview of the required equipment and operations that would be required to make this work. A minimum of four radio stations manned throughout the Museum Ships Event would be required. He thought that over 3500 contacts could be made. A general discussion followed: the consensus was that too much work would be required too soon to make the plan work this year, but that it would be a great goal to work to.

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Ron mentioned that operators and equipment could be obtained from EBARC. Gary mentioned that an operation of this magnitude would need to be cleared with the ROV. Volunteers were requested who could commit to operate for this years event, about seven of the twelve present said they would be available.

- The condition of the second FT-106 Radio was discussed. Some portions of it are definitely missing. There are no more Mackey radios among the Victory ships in the Vallejo fleet. Capt. Nolan suggested that a party go to Beaumont Texas and find what is aboard the Victory ships there, and have it shipped back by rail. Additionally, the lane Victory may have equipment that they won't need.

- Gary requested volunteers to help the electrician on Mondays and Tuesdays. This may facilitate the installation of AC power to the aft ammo hold.

- • Charles reported that as of 1/31/2003 the clubs bank account had \$2,359.96. The meeting was adjourned at about 11:54 PST.

The next meeting will be 10:00 AM PST on Saturday, April 5, 2003 in the Officers Mess.

Submitted By: David Jackson, Secretary
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