

Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes - August 7, 2004

Attendance

Members(13): Jim Waite, WA6EZJ Gary Elliott, WA6KCP
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI Charles Jackson, W6KNO
Vern Orme, AA6YE Rich Secondari, K6TR
David Jackson, KC6SSF Dick Bezman, KG6SXM
Ivan Sturman, WB6PIV Alan Craddock, WB6DXZ
Vicki Cero, KF6ZCT Jim Sadler, W6SFW
Bill Smith
Visitors(2): Ron Jacobs, WA6CCF Michael Jacobs

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Gary Elliott.

The meeting minutes for July were reviewed and approved.

The following items were reported:

- The Museum Ships Radio Event was held the third weekend of July, Starting at 5 pm on Friday and running to 5 pm Sunday (PDT). Gary operated from the ROV. Peter operated from the Potomac at Jack London Sq. The propagation conditions were poor. Each operator had about 200 contacts. Further information can be found on the Web at:

<http://www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html>

Peter will be sending information to a Canadian Radio Mag about the Potomac and the ROV.

- Vern reported receiving about 50 QSL cards.
- The current schedule is for the ROV to be moved around Feb 2005.
- The work on the antenna trunk continues.
- Ivan is continuing the work on the inventory of donated items. He downloaded a list of vacuum tube prices and will be selling them, no requirement to collect sales tax. The tubes will need to be tested.
- The Hornet will be hosting Boy Scouts and helping with radio merit badges.
- The club has "patches" made using the same art work as the badges, some early club members received samples.
- Remember the ship has a pancake breakfast to raise funds, Sunday at 9:00 AM.
- Capt Nolan would like to get the VHF radio mounted on the bridge - even if temporary to get some marine radio sounds(noise).
- Ivan would like to move forward with the installation of the ships wire antennas.
- The "Art Ship" status is in limbo - maybe scrapped or refurbished.
- California plates are available with a merchant marine theme. These support veteran services. Merchant Marine plate is "W13". (more information see: <http://www.cdva.ca.gov/service/plates.asp>)
- Jack reported that Sept 11 will be a special football game at Cal. Also, Tom Butte needs funds, he has been very supportive of the ROV.
- Next meeting will be September 2, 10:00 am on the ship.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am.

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