

## **Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)**

### **Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of May 9, 2009**

The meeting was conducted in the CPO Mess of the Battleship New Jersey  
The meeting was called to order at 1005 hours with the pledge of Allegiance.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. (Listed on the Web)

#### **Officers/Directors:**

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN  
Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP  
Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO  
Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL  
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS

#### **Directors:**

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR  
Bill Bacon, KE2XC not present  
Beth Barnish, KB2EAL

#### **Presidents Report:**

Thanks to everyone for coming out today, we ordered sunshine for today. I have nothing to report.

**Guest:** Bob Pantazes, W2ARP from Northfield, NJ. And Victor Martino son of Ed, N2PV.

**Vice President Report:** The MS-170 coast to coast coming up.

**Secretary Report:** No report.

**Treasurers Report:** Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported that we now have a total of \$994.98 in our treasury as of this date.

**Chief Engineers Report:** We now have the WW-II TCK working, To be worked on is the WRT transmitter. Margaret and I are leaving tomorrow for Dayton with a stop over in Pittsburg, PA to pick up a R390A from the USS. Requin that needs repairing. And then returned to that ship, it's sort of and exchange for the WRT2 transmitter that they gave to us. Mike, W2OF, last year with the help of Gene, N2WFN did field day from the ship and Mike will do it again from the ship this year. Anyone that would like to come in this year on the fourth weekend in June please contact Mike ahead of that weekend. If you want to stay overnight arrangements can be made. If you like field day but don't like the bugs this is the way to go. Margaret, KB2BRR mentioned that last year on field day there were people showing up on the dock to work field day but no one knew they were there, this was due to the ship being on the Locator as a location to visit for field day so maybe we can arrange not to have the ship listed this year. A ship yard raid is scheduled for next week, two guys on Monday and five guys on Wednesday we are not doing all five days due to lack of equipment remaining on the ship.

**Directors:** Margaret, KB2BRR says that Tom Helvig the editor of, "The Jerseyman" newsletter had asked us to submit an article for the July issue about what we our function is aboard the ship. We received a reply from Tom I quote, "This article is so good and I want to include so much more, I want to add all kinds of pictures, pictures of all the members. For the first time ever the Jerseyman is going to have a supplemental issue put out a little after the normal Jerseyman". Tom is so amorous of what has been accomplished by the radio club that he thinks we deserve something special. Dave, WA2TVS submitted nine pages with 6000 words describing our operation wasn't enough. Beth, KB2EAL presented BNJARS with a \$100 donation from The Eastern Star Chapter of the Masonic Temple for Women where she is a member.

#### **Permanent Committee Reports:**

**Education/Scouting:** Ed, N2PV would like to thank Doug, WA2NPD, Ted, N3OWM and Gene, N2WFN for the job they have been doing in spite of several equipment problems. So far we have only one more session left before the season is over. We still need more people to help with the class room and in the shack.

**Activities: NJ2BB Trustee Report:** - Dave, WA2TVS; No report.

**Public Events:** Harry, AA2WN reminds us of our Dayton Hamfest booth, May 15, 16 and 17. If anyone is planning to attend the Hamvention and would like to help out in the booth please let us know so we can put you in the schedule. Dave, WA2TVS says that we will be having training on Saturdays for booth duty. It's good to have answers for the questions that are asked at the booth. Museum Ships weekend is June 6 and 7 this year with between 50 and 51 ship signed up already. There are several new ships this year.

**H.P.A. Report:** No report.

**Safety Officers Report:** No report.

**AD Hoc Committees:** John, WB2DFB; Not too much to report, working in Radio-1 calibration of the receivers and all of the receivers to antennas.

**Configuration Control:** No report.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**QSL Manager:** Margaret, KB2BRR reports that the last Quarter we had 481 contacts for a grand total of 26,818 contacts made from the ship with over 5,350 QSL cards received and answered thru December 2008. Our postage balance is \$45.77. We are now on, "Logbook of the World" with our logs which are up to the end of 2007. We have W.A.S. all states and have 114 countries confirmed. We are averaging around 200 contacts per month. Ted, N3OWM suggests that we have a small display of QSL card in the classroom to show the scouts.

**Station Operation:** No Report.

**Emergency Communications:** Ed, W2KP, South Jersey Counties still proceeding on the D-STAR amateur radio system.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Ed, N2W2KP explained that for the past years he has put out the money for BNJARS logos on tee shirts for the MS-150 and would like to see if the club would now pick up the cost of \$50.00. A motion was made and a second from Jerry, WB2CAK, the motion was approved by all.

**Good of the Order:** Al, K2SLA since they have opened the City of Sea tour on the ship they have opened the TV Studio for the encampment scouts to go thru, we do turn everything on and give the scouts the opportunity to operate the cameras upstairs seems to be a highlight of their tour and we do recode it and then play it back to them, they really love it and think it's really great. Harry, AA2WN mentioned that the ship will be having a luncheon for the volunteers on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> celebrating 500,000 hours of man hours. Our club has between 32000 and 35000 hours of time. Harry, AA2WN saw in the news that the original hand key that sent the surrender message from the USS Missouri has been in a museum in Monterey California but will now be transferred back to the USS Missouri for permanent display.

**Ron, K3ZKO;** gave a lecture on the subject, "Lightning Protection and Grounding".

**Next meeting:** will be Saturday, September 12, 2009

Beth, KB2EAL made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1105 hours  
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO  
Secretary