

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September 12, 2009

The meeting was conducted in the 1st Class Lounge of the Battleship New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 1000 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
Beth Barnish, KB2EAL

Presidents Report:

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

Guest: Al Lipkin, W3AEH and Jim Wintrode, KC2THR.

Vice President Report: The MS-150 coast to coast coming up and we need people. We will have APRS in vehicles. The bike run will be from the Woodbridge Station on Saturday to Ocean City and return to the Woodbridge Station on Sunday.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurers Report: Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported that we now have a total of \$944.00 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: Status Quo, people have been operating in the shack at least once a week. We are always looking for more people to help out. You all read about the heavy awkward move last week trying to move a telephone rack that is ½ to ¼ inches too wide to fit thru the 26 inch hatch. The VHF patch panel has been put in which will make changing antennas much easier. Work has been done to the 1MC system to correct the low volume. There are several modifications that we want to make to the 1MC system such as larger meters on the power amplifiers which will make viewing much easier. We haven't any ship raids planned, the ships available to us have been stripped and they are newer ships which won't have the parts that we need for this battleship.

Directors: Margaret, KB2BRR, nothing to report.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Education/Scouting: Ed, N2PV, there have been 79 participants in the merit program with 32 passing. I have confirmation for September 20th and 27th of this month. Scouts on the Air will be Saturday, October 17 and Sunday the 18th. We can use additional help with the scouting program.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

QSL Committee: Margaret, KB2BRR reports that the last Quarter we had 1245 contacts for a grand total of 28,063 contacts made from the ship with over 5,481 QSL cards received and answered thru August 2009. Our postage balance is \$39.92. We are now on, "Logbook of the World" with our logs which cover up to June 30, 2008. We have qualified for Log Book of the World with 119 countries confirmed and a total of 26000 contacts.

We have received logs from 53 ship for the Museum Ships weekend. We are still working on sorting them out and so far have 12500 contacts with just the electronic logs. We still have to go

thru the paper logs. This year has been the largest return of logs for the event. The Battleship New Jersey made 26 contacts which is well over the requirement for receiving a certificate.

AD Hoc Committees:

Restoration: John, WB2DFB; On October 9th at Penn's Landing will be the commissioning of the USS Wayne E. Meyer the last Aegis class destroyer built by Lockheed Martin. The R-390 that we are working on from Pittsburgh is just about ready except for three parts that are required to complete the job. You are invited to come to the shop and try out the receiver.

Public Events: Harry, AA2WN, Dayton was a huge success this year even with our booth at a new location. Margaret, KB2BRR pointed out that the new 10 foot banners that our new member Martin had made for us quite a bit to direct people to our booth. We picked up at least two additional ships for the Museum Ships Weekend. There were about 19,000 people attending the Hamvention this year.

Old Business: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ has resigned from the club and has moved to Florida. Dave, WA2TVS has taken over Joe's duties in Public Events. Dave has been to the Warminster Hamfest, PA and to Asbury Park, NJ. Harry, AA2WN has given our presentation to the Gloucester County Lions Club a few months ago.

New Business: The Gloucester County Radio Club Hamfest on Sunday, September 20, admission is \$6.00 with the tailgating free. The pavilion spaces are \$10.00. This will be the clubs 50th year in existence.

Good of the Order: The Battleship Missouri is in dry dock with the cost of 15 million being paid by our government. The Lafayette is also in dry dock. Photos of the Lafayette show the prop blade being cut so the prop won't extend below the keel.

Next meeting: will be Saturday, December 12, 2009

Margaret, KB2BRR made a motion to close the meeting.
All in attendance seconded the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 1105 hours
Ronald Cohen, K3ZKO
Secretary