

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Service

Meeting minutes, 12/13/2025

The meeting was called to order at 1004

The members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not read since they are available on the website for all to see and were distributed to the active member mailing list. There were no additions or corrections to the previous minutes so they were approved as distributed,

Treasurer's Report:

Last meeting balance:	\$1283.65
Checks from MSW:	\$438.00
Web hosting and Zoom:	\$-229.89
Current balance:	\$1915.76

The report was approved as read.

Chief Engineer Report:

- Ron D is in the process of rewiring the 49 radar
- He will be installing a solid state timer for auto parking the rig.
- Jeff Golas did some cleanup of message handling in a recent visit and did some RTTY operation
- Dave and Margaret have been working in the telephone room doing some recabling.
- Dave removed some wires from the "D" block then realized that they belonged there
- Margaret has been deleting numbers from the main switch database and reconfiguring the 450 numbers there. She is making good progress on the phone database.
- She determined that she can remove numbers then save the database
- TV Dave cleaned half of the shack floor with Simple Green and water. You can really see the line where the work was done.

WWII Radio:

- The three "new" receivers are now in place. Two have been temporarily hooked up and tested and they work well and are in remarkably good shape for 80 year old electronics
- Ryan stopped by and was extremely pleased and impressed with the progress in WWII Radio

QSL Report (provided separately):

- Total QSO's at start of period: 52996
- Sept 2025 30
- Oct 2025 84
- Nov 2025 (through Nov 15) 220
- Subtotal: 334
- Total QSO's to date: 53330

- We have received and answered 21+ QSL cards since last report for a total of 8215 since 2001
- QSL cash balance as of 30 Nov 2025: \$64.00

Old Business:

- Rich Enright is still working on the T368 Transmitter when he has the time

New Business:

- Dave B proposed that we start the process of changing the meeting date and time to 1900 (7PM) on the second Monday of February, May, September and December.
- The president formed a committee of the Secretary (Ron S) and two Directors (Margaret and Bill B) in addition to the President to discuss this and make a recommendation at the next meeting.
- Ron S. will distribute the proposed change to the committee and set up a Zoom meeting to discuss it.
- There was some discussion as to what constitutes a quorum and what the criteria are for full membership in the organization. It was noted that this criteria was relaxed significantly during Covid and has not been addressed since. This will be discussed after the bylaw change is completed.
- Pete Green has informed Dave B that the Marlton Radio club would like a speaker to present BNJARS at one of their meetings. Dave said that he and Margaret can no longer do this. Jerry said he will look into this possibility

Good of the Order:

- We need to actively increase or membership. A suggestion was made to reach out to other local radio clubs to try to attract new members
- Jerry said he was planning to contact the Gloucester club to spread the word
- Jeff Golas has been spreading the word in PA about the club
- The active participation of current members for projects at the ship has been waning. We all need to get more involved
- Jerry informed the members that he will not seek reelection next December.

Bill Bacon moved to adjourn, Ron Schaffer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1040

Total members present: 9 .

Respectfully submitted:

Ron Schaffer W2RES