

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of Sept 10, 2005

The meeting was conducted in the Distance Learning Classroom 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.

Officers/Directors:

President: Harry Bryant, AA2WN
Vice President: Ed Clark, W2KP
Secretary: Ron Cohen, K3ZKO (not present)
Treasurer: Lou Priestly, N2HQL
Chief Engineer: Dave Burgess, WA2TVS
Public Affairs: Joe Cramer, N2XYZ
Station License Trustee (NJ2BB): Joseph Duffin, W2ORA (not present)

Directors:

Sam Bennett, K2SMB (not present)
Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Bill Bacon, KE2XC (not present)

Presidents Report: We have had good feedback on our Museum Ships event and several articles appeared in local papers. In addition BNJARS members helped the USS Missouri celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the end of WWII. We were on the air both with IRLP and HF and copied the original message from the USS Missouri declaring the end of the war. The US Power Squadron sent us a letter of thanks for their special event in June and also included some donations to help with our restoration project.

A welcome was given to visitors from Trinity High School in PA.

Directors Report: None

Treasurers Report:

Lou Priestly, N2HQL, reported \$793.67 in our treasury as of this date.

Chief Engineers Report: Biggest news is that the Aft OE-82 antenna has been ut in place on #2 stack. Electrical connections will be made in the next few weeks. A recently donated URT-23E turned out to be in working condition. We are now in the process of locating a manual for it.

The next shipyard visit is scheduled for the week of Oct. 17. We will probably only have 2 or 3 days on this visit to gather items.

NJ2BB Trustee Report:

No report at this time.

Public Affairs Report:

Joe Cramer, N2XYZ, did one BNJARS presentation in May at the Holiday City ARC in the Toms River area. Joe will be unable to do any other presentations until sometime next year.

H.P.A. Report: None

Safety Officers Report: None

Permanent Committee Reports:

Scouting: *(submitted by Doug Gehring and read by Harry Bryant)*

Report on JOTA progress: Doug will attend the Old Colony Scout District Roundtable next Wed. evening and announce and invite all Den Leaders in attendance to bring their Webelos Dens aboard for perhaps one to two hours (time dependant upon response) over JOTA weekend, Oct. 15 and 16. Also, the District Exec. is dropping off to Doug the list of Webelos Leaders for the Cooper and Big Timber Districts whom he will contact by telephone and similarly invite them. As Webelos are ten years old, the Ship requires one adult leader, or parent per every 5 boys. Hopefully, if we can get say ten dens (out of some 80) to attend, that would be a successful weekend. Obviously, if we can get a better response, that would be better (HI). Deadline for responding would be somewhere around Oct. 8, or the week before.

Like previous years, cost for the parking and boarding the ship would be free. Doug will handle getting the necessary parking placards as we did last year. A JOTA patch will be given to all participants along with a record of their QSOs (as Margaret arranged in the past). We will need patient ops to handle the SSB QSOs, quantity of ops needed will be dependant upon the response.

Hopefully, the older Cub Scouts response will be better than that of the Scouts in previous years (this is sort of a trial balloon to see, etc.). There are competing Scouting events on the weekends before and after the JOTA weekend, otherwise, no direct conflicts.

Configuration Control: John Saracen reports that several of the R1051s obtained from the last shipyard visit are now in working condition. John also reported on a new book that he thought might be of interest to members: "Microstrip Antenna Design" and brought a copy for members to browse after the meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Events: Harry reports that BNJARS is now the sponsor of the Museum Ships Weekend Special Event. This year's event was very successful for us with over 900 contacts.

Coming up on Oct 15 & 16 is the JOTA weekend. We will be asking for operators to help out with this event.

Harry will be in California and hopes to operate from the Queen Mary on Oct. 23.

QSL: Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR reports that we have 17,396 contacts to date and have answered over 3600 QSL cards. The postage fund has about \$65 (\$40 will be turned over to the treasurer at the end of the meeting.)

Station Operation: We have a donated Kenwood TS-950 DS which is set up at the Ham-4 station. We are working on getting a manual for this radio. We also have a 440 radio that we have set up to do IRLP communications and it seems to be working fine once we installed a PL board and touch-tone mike. We successfully used it during our contact with the USS Missouri on Sept 1 & 2.

We have 2 groups scheduled for visits in the coming months.

Emergency Communications: NONE

Old Business: We have only 25 BNJRS patches left at a cost of \$3 each. See Lou Priestley if you want one.

New Business:

Tom Jaskel, in charge of Overnight Encampments explained the extended program to begin in October. BNJARS will have a part in this expansion providing a chance for the overnigheters to visit the shack on Saturday & Sunday mornings. It's planned that when some of our members become certified Merit Badge counselors, that we will provide this additional program for the scouts.

A possible club picnic was discussed and Harry will check to see what can be arranged with the ship for space and food.

Good of the Order:

We had 18 members and 6 guests present

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM

Submitted to Ron Cohen, K3ZKO, BNJARS Secretary by:

Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR
Acting Secretary