

# September 16, 2017 BNJARS General Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Nations Flag was led by Harry Bryant AA2WN, Club President at 1004 hours this date.

The club president had nothing to report

Vice President Rich discussed safety. He reiterated the two person rule while below decks. Some discussion was held as to possible alternatives including a "below decks" log and having another person informed when an individual was going below and when he returned. No resolution to this issue was decided. The two person rule is in effect with the exception of the transmitter room where there is video coverage.

Margaret and Dave reminded all to sign out of both the club log and the ships security log when departing. Dave stated that he has on occasion had to go back aboard and do a deck by deck search to ascertain that someone who had not signed out had in fact departed.

Club Treasurer Lou Priestly reported that the balance in all accounts is \$2,466.52 and he currently has a bill for \$81.00. He received \$28.00 cash from QSL cards at the meeting.

Dave Burgess reported that the ship was going to discard two signal lamps. He said to keep them and he plans to install one on the signal bridge and have it signal the ship's call whenever someone walks near (and Arduino project for someone!) He also said that the ship had two studio lamps. The elements from them could be mounted in the signal lamps as a searchlight.

Dave went on to say that the Quad 40 when it is restored is NOT going to be mounted on the dock but placed on deck in the position it occupied in WWII. It was determined that this was not a violation of the Navy's contract with the Port Alliance.

Margaret stated that we had 1265 contacts in May, June and July, of which about 1000 were from Museum Ships weekend. The club now has logged 40611 total contacts!

Margaret passed around the new QSL cards which are a bifold type. They are very attractive but she stated that the bureaus need the QSL information visible on the back, so she has procured a new one page card with the identical picture and QSL information for use only with bureaus. She also passed around the new Museum Ships weekend card for the members to see.

Ron W2RES discussed his desire to activate the ship on Pearl Harbor Day - Dec 7, 2017. It is also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ship's launching at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. It was determined that there is no ban on ships other than the Arizona broadcasting on that day, so he will go ahead with his plans. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Ron at [W2RES@ARRL.ORG](mailto:W2RES@ARRL.ORG). Margaret requested that we not

indicate in any way that this is a special event since people will then be looking for some sort of certificate.

Margaret stated that she has mailed the first 60 certificates from Museum Ships and is working on the remainder. She has verified 37 of the approximately 60 remaining requests. She said that people who submitted their logs were a great help. She expects to get the remainder of the certificates mailed by the end of next week.

Harry gave the scouting report. He stated that due to a miscommunication, a group of scouts showed up at the ship but no one from the club was present. This event has been rescheduled for next weekend on 9/26. The ship is only charging the scouts for food, not for the overnight on this retake of the event.

Harry stated that there have been no recent requests for merit badge service and that is good since we need volunteers to run this program. Please contact Harry if you are available and can help out.

Rich stated that we need to do some work topside while the weather is good. Below decks he is working on getting the PC to talk to the antenna controller so we can move the antenna from a PC command.

The 400Hz generator project has analog problems but an optoisolator seems to be the fix for working with a PC.

The ship wants the fathometer display to show accurate information. They will drop a line to determine the depth below the keel and it will be adjusted as such. There was some discussion as to whether any one will really notice and to the fact that it changes by about 2 fathoms with the tide. This issue will be resolved in the next few weeks

Dave stated that the 16 inch barrels will be here by the end of the year and the cleanup of Clinton Street is coming along nicely to accept them and to make the approach to the ship better.

Dave moved for adjournment and Margaret seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1048

Minutes submitted by  
Ron W2RES in absence of BNJARS Secretary