

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (BNJARS)

Meeting Agenda, April 9, 2001
CPO Mess, Battleship New Jersey, BB 62

The first General Meeting of BNJARS was convened at 1910 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance. The members and prospective members attending were welcomed by the President.

A Home Port Alliance (HPA) Update Brief was given by Scott Kodger, BB62 Museum Curator. The following items were discussed:

1. Document storage, collection and access.
2. List of volunteers for the upcoming NISMF equipment effort.

The following priorities for the BNJARS were discussed:

3. Restoration of the Communications spaces.
4. General Announcing System (1MC) restoration to full operation.
5. Assistance with Main Battery indicators light off.

Safety and Regulations – Recommended that fire extinguishers be placed in the locations provided. Also, it was noted that restoration of the ship's dial telephone system is vital to safety aboard ship. The two-person rule was also reiterated.

President's Report – addressed the committees on the work in progress to date and what has to be accomplished.

Director's Report – none present.

Secretary's Minutes & Reports – A copy of the minutes of the 19 March 2001 were distributed and it was approved to dispense with the minutes.

Treasurer's Report and Finance/Audit Committee Report – no receipts or expenditures during this period.

Chief Engineer's Report – work is progressing well with the antennas. See BNJARS Web Site for details.

Station Report – 426 antenna cable ends identified. FACCON-2 cable survey completed. Four cables to Transmitter Room patch through to antennas. FACCON-1 cable survey in progress.

Current Activities – 1MC repair, restoration of Message Center, 21MC restoration.

Task List – Refer to BNJARS Web Site.

Trustee's Report – not present.

Public Affairs Officer's Report – Joe Cramer has been providing talks to various clubs throughout the area about the restoration effort. He announced the Special Event Station operation scheduled for Saturday May 26 in conjunction with Memorial Day and the ship's commissioning date. A letter has been sent to the HPA to request the Special Event.

Safety Officer's Report – not present. The President reiterated the two-person rule. Life rings are available along the deck edge lifeline.

Permanent Committee Reports

Configuration Control: Work still in progress. Several drawings have been converted to PDF.

Restoration & Maintenance: Work still in progress. Copy machine for the Message Center offered by Ray Schnapp.

Historical Preservation: No report.

Education/Scouting Relations: No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Events: Special Event Station, May 29, 2001

QSL: Need volunteer to do card design and logo

Station Operation: N/A

Emergency Communications: Discussed establishment of a MARS station onboard. Steve, KB2RTZ, to investigate.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Cable Survey: Placed in ACCESS database

Equipment Survey: Posted on Web Site

Space Survey: Posted on Web Site

Documentation Review: In progress

Old Business – None

New Business – Need an American flag for meetings. Gift of two 28 VDC, 65 A power supplies.

Discussed mounting and operation of SPS-49 Radar antenna and ATV/WB Camera.

Special Business (nominations, elections, etc.) – None

Good of the Order – Discussed mounting 440 MHz J-pole on mast; report of equipment in Paterson, NJ.

Antique military radio equipment. Chain of authority for period equipment; clear through Stan Hojnacki.

Also, need to create list with estimated value of equipment.

Adjournment – 2145