

Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of August 24, 2001

- The meeting was conducted in the auditorium of L-3 Corporation
- The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance
- The following officers were present:

President – Peter Greene, N2LVI
Vice President – Ruben Kafenbaum, WA2NBL
Chief Engineer – David Burgess, WA2TVS
Board of Directors
Harry Bryant, AA2WN

- The following officers were not present
Secretary – John Goheen, KB2ADL
Treasurer – Louis Priestley, N2HQL

- The following reports were given:

The President reported on the following:

The City of Camden has issued a stop work order on the visitors center.

The ship is still scheduled to be moved on September 3, 2001, Labor Day. Volunteers are welcome, be prepared to bring your own food and water, there will be portable facilities on board, the move is planned to take from 1 PM till 9PM.

A target opening date has not been set, unofficial date is planned for September 24, 2001.

The Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air is scheduled for the weekend of October 20 and 21, 2001. Details for BB-62 involvement to be arranged.

The HPA is continuing getting ready for the opening. They are looking for a list of people who can be available for emergency repair of 1MC and other essential systems.

The Vice-President reported on the following:

Has been in contact with Doug Hall, NJ/DE NAVMARCORMARS State Director regarding written request for BB-62 MARS call activation.

The Chief Engineer reported on the following”

A draft Station Operating Rules has been prepared; they cover Safety, Logging and Visitor Procedures.

Progress on the ship includes:

- Stub antennas have been mounted
- 440 MHz “Quality Monitoring” antenna has been mounted on the mast
- Cables are in good shape on the mast
- Restoration continues on TTY units; loop supplies have been rebuilt
- Gene is working on timing circuits for activating the TTY units from the cipher lock
- 28 KSR is available
- Riggers have mounted the 35 foot verticals
- Coupler in place for the twin stubs; still needs to be connected
- All items in FACCON-1 and FACCON-2 need to be secured prior to move
- There are three (3) 2-meter transceivers available
- The Old Barney Club has donated an IC-230, will be set on 146.52 MHz
- There has been a continued good turnout of volunteers throughout the summer.

Public Affairs: Thanked those that signed up at GCARC Ham Fest. Announced WA3PZO – NBC10 TechFest at Pennsylvania Convention Center Oct 20 & 21, ARRL will sponsor an exhibit.

Safety Officer: EPA is pushing hard on PCB and Asbestos abatement. If you see or suspect something, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLEAN IT YOURSELF. Contact staff for proper clean up. Engineering areas are restricted. Power cables may have asbestos.

Restoration “Stan’s World”: TDS Transmitter, RDZ Receiver, and T368 400 Watt AM transmitter are all onboard. Please coordinate restoration of transmitter room equipment projects with Stan.

QSL: 640 contacts so far; received 558 QSL cards. BNJARS has registered with QSL bureau. Any donations or extra funds received with QSL cards will be used for postage for out-going QSL’s. Looking into permanent BNJARS QSL card; L-3 will supply funds for permanent QSL cards. Motion made by Ruben, 2nd by Stan to allow L-3 to pay for QSL cards and have their name on the card. Motion passed.

Docent Training: Doug reported that about 250 people are needed to be docents to be available during weekdays and weekends. Best Uniforms, Deptford, has “Dickies” style shirts. There is still a question regarding adult stay-overs.

- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary: Ruben Kafenbaum, WA2NBL, 10/4/01